

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADOFILED
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DENVER, COLORADO

Civil Action No. 06-cv-01479-ZLW

MICHAEL J. HUNTER,

Plaintiff,

SEP 22 2006

C. B. BINGHAM
CLERK

v.

CHRISTINE RICHARD,
ELIZABETH KERRIGAN-BRAVO,
MR. ULLO,
MISTER WATERS,
MISS FINELLE,
LARRY STUART, and
ANN SHERIDAN,

Defendants.

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF LEAVE TO PROCEED
PURSUANT TO 28 U.S.C. § 1915
WITHOUT PAYMENT OF INITIAL PARTIAL FILING FEE

Plaintiff Michael J. Hunter has submitted *pro se* a Prisoner's Motion and Affidavit for Leave to Proceed Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and a certified copy of his trust fund account statement. He also has submitted a Prisoner Complaint.

Plaintiff will be granted leave to proceed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Based upon the information about Mr. Hunter's financial status, the court finds that he is unable to pay an initial partial filing fee pursuant to § 1915(b)(1).

Title 28 U.S.C. § 1915 requires a prisoner bringing a civil action "to pay the full amount of a filing fee." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). If a prisoner is unable to afford the full amount of the filing fee when the case is filed, the statute provides for payment of the

filing fee through an initial partial filing fee and monthly installments of the balance until the full filing fee is paid. However, "[i]n no event shall a prisoner be prohibited from bringing a civil action or appealing a civil or criminal judgment for the reason that the prisoner has no assets and no means by which to pay the initial partial filing fee." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4).

Because Mr. Hunter's 28 U.S.C. § 1915 motion and certified trust fund account statement indicate that he has insufficient funds in his inmate account to pay an initial partial filing fee and that he has no other assets, Mr. Hunter may proceed in this action without payment of an initial partial filing fee. The court will proceed to review the plaintiff's amended complaint pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B) to determine whether it is frivolous or malicious, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. However, although he need not pay an initial partial filing fee, Mr. Hunter remains obligated to pay the required \$350.00 filing fee through monthly installments as directed in this order. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that the plaintiff is granted leave to proceed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that Mr. Hunter may proceed in this action without payment of an initial partial filing fee. Mr. Hunter remains obligated to pay the full amount of the required \$350.00 filing fee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). It is

FURTHER ORDERED that, until the \$350.00 filing fee is paid in full, Mr. Hunter shall make monthly payments to the court of twenty (20) percent of the preceding month's income credited to his account or show cause why he has no assets and no means by which to make each monthly payment. Mr. Hunter is directed to make the

necessary arrangements to have the monthly payments identified by the civil action number on this order. In order to show cause, the plaintiff must file a current certified copy of his trust fund account statement. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that if Mr. Hunter fails to have the appropriate monthly payment sent to the clerk of the court each month or to show cause each month as directed above why he has no assets and no means by which to make the monthly payment, the Prisoner Complaint will be dismissed without prejudice and without further notice. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that process shall not issue until further order of the court. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that the court may dismiss this action and may apply all or part of the filing fee payments tendered in this action to satisfy any filing fee debt the plaintiff may owe in a prior action or actions if the plaintiff fails to stay current with his payment obligations in the prior action or actions.

DATED September 22, 2006, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Boyd N. Boland
United States Magistrate Judge

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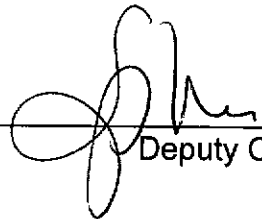
CERTIFICATE OF MAILING

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Michael J. Hunter
CJC - Ward 2-C-1
2739 E. Las Vegas Street
Colorado Springs, CO 80906

I hereby certify that I have mailed a copy of the **ORDER** to the above-named individuals on 9-22-06

GREGORY C. LANGHAM, CLERK

By:  _____
Deputy Clerk