

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO
Magistrate Judge Kathleen M. Tafoya

Civil Action No. 10-cv-02277-CMA-KMT

STEVEN JOSHUA KARP,

Plaintiff,

v.

KIRK G. GARRETT, Correctional Officer, Colorado Department of Corrections, and
WARDEN (Name Unknown), Denver Diagnostic Reception Center,

Defendants.

**ORDER DIRECTING PLAINTIFF TO MAKE
MONTHLY FILING FEE PAYMENT OR TO SHOW CAUSE**

On September 17, 2010, Plaintiff was granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (Doc. No. 2.) Section 1915(b)(2), 28 U.S.C., requires that a prisoner “shall make monthly payments of 20 percent of the preceding month’s income credited to the prisoner’s account,” provided the prisoner’s account exceeds \$10.00. This provision requires the prisoner to make the payment at the time his account is credited, before the prisoner engages in other, discretionary spending. *Harris v. Colo. Dep’t of Corrs.*, No. 00-N-1066, 2000 WL 33193816, at *1 (D. Colo. Dec. 19, 2000).

In the Order granting Plaintiff leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Plaintiff was instructed either to make the required monthly payments or to show cause **each month** why he has no assets and no means by which to make the monthly payment. In order to show cause,

Plaintiff was directed to file a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement. Plaintiff was warned that a failure to comply with the requirements of § 1915(b)(2) would result in the dismissal of this civil action.

Plaintiff's last and only payment was received October 12, 2010. (Doc. No. 4.) On November 12, 2010, Plaintiff filed a letter asking if the Court would pull 20% from [his] account directly" each month. (Doc. No. 10.) That is inconsistent with the Order Granting Leave to Proceed Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (*See* Doc. No. 2.) Plaintiff failed to make the required monthly payment or show cause why he has no assets and no means by which to make the monthly payments for the month of November 2010.

It is not acceptable for Plaintiff to meet his monthly obligations only when specifically called upon by the court through an order to pay or show cause. Such a procedure unreasonably burdens the court. Consequently, hereafter Plaintiff will be required, by the **15th day of each** month and without any further notice from or order of the court, either to make the required monthly payment for each preceding month or to file a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement for the preceding month demonstrating that he has no assets and no means by which to make the monthly payment.

If Plaintiff fails hereafter to comply with this requirement in any month prior to the date on which the filing fee is paid in full, this court will recommend that the case be dismissed for failure to comply with this Order and with the Order allowing Plaintiff to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

IT IS ORDERED that on or before **December 30, 2010**, Plaintiff shall make the required monthly payments or show cause why he has no assets and no means by which to make the monthly payments for the months of **November and December 2010**. Plaintiff shall file certified account statements for the months of **November and December 2010**.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that by the **15th day** of **each** month hereafter, beginning January 15, 2011, Plaintiff shall either make the required monthly payment for each month or file a certified copy of his inmate trust fund account statement for the month demonstrating that he is not required pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2) to make a monthly payment. Furthermore, if payment is made for the preceding month, in order to verify that the appropriate amount is being paid, the Plaintiff must file a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for that month. The civil action number should be noted on all payments as well as on any trust fund statements that are filed with the court.

Dated this 7th day of December, 2010.

BY THE COURT:



Kathleen M. Tafoya
United States Magistrate Judge

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Plaintiff fails to comply with this order, the complaint and this civil action may be dismissed without further notice.

Dated this 8th day of January, 2010.

BY THE COURT:

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Kathleen M. Tafoya". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial 'K'.

Kathleen M. Tafoya
United States Magistrate Judge