

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
STATESBORO DIVISION**

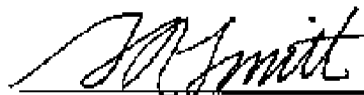
KENNETH L. STEVENS,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	Case No. CV611-015
)	
MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,)	
Commissioner, Social Security)	
Administration,)	
)	
Defendant.)	
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ORDER

Seeking 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) review of the Social Security Administration’s denial of his applications for disability and disability insurance benefits, doc. 1, Kenneth L. Stevens successfully moved this Court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Doc. 5. However, the Court inadvertently failed to direct Fed. R. Civ. P. 4 service upon the defendant. As a litigant proceeding IFP, Stevens is “not responsible for the service of process. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d) (“The officers of the court shall issue and serve all process[.]”); *Byrd v. Stone*, 94 F.3d 217, 219 (6th Cir. 1996) (“the court is obligated to issue plaintiff’s process to a United States Marshal who must in turn effectuate service

upon the defendants ... once reasonable steps have been taken to identify for the court the defendants names in the complaint'). . . ." *Crock v. Astrue*, 332 F. App'x 777, 778 (3rd Cir. 2009). Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(3), then, the United States Marshal shall effect service upon the Commissioner.¹

SO ORDERED this 11th day of May, 2011.



UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
SOUTHERN DISTRICT of GEORGIA

¹ Nothing, of course, prevented plaintiff's counsel from effectuating service in the intervening months since that Order was issued.