



456, 460 (7th Cir. 1994).

Mr. Pryor's affidavit satisfies the court that his finances are quite limited. He earns just \$1600 per month from his job as a janitor, and after expenses, has net income of just \$32 per month. Defendant is correct that Plaintiff's submissions are silent on the likelihood that he will be able to pay a substantial award in the future, but no evidence relating to his education or employment history suggests that any significant change in his financial circumstances is likely, either. It is not realistic to expect that Plaintiff will be able to reimburse costs in the neighborhood of \$4,000, however justified that request may be.

Nor does the court agree with Defendant's assessment of Plaintiff's good faith. There was no real dispute that Plaintiff was involved in an altercation, and it appears that police officers were involved. Plaintiff was never able to identify the officers, but his uncertainty reflects honesty, not bad faith. The circumstances surrounding Attorney Sorensen's affidavit are disturbing—but they reflect more poorly on counsel than they do on Plaintiff himself.

The court concludes, in light of his very modest income, that an award of costs should be limited to an amount that Plaintiff can, with significant effort, pay. The court awards costs in the reduced sum of \$500.

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REBECCA R. PALLMEYER  
United States District Judge

Dated: October 11, 2013