

## United States District Court, Northern District of Illinois

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Name of Assigned Judge or Magistrate Judge	JOHN W. DARRAH	Sitting Judge if Other than Assigned Judge	<i>Darrah</i>
CASE NUMBER	12 C 2644	DATE	4-24-12
CASE TITLE	Laurence Stepney (#B-05228) vs. Tom Dart		

## DOCKET ENTRY TEXT:

The plaintiff is granted thirty days in which either to file an *in forma pauperis* application on the enclosed form with the information required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) or pay the full \$350 filing fee. The clerk is directed to send the plaintiff an i.f.p. application along with a copy of this order. Failure of the plaintiff to comply within thirty days of the date of this order will result in summary dismissal of this case. The plaintiff is advised that he must provide the court with the original plus a judge's copy of every document filed.

■ [For further details see text below.]

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## STATEMENT

The plaintiff, an Illinois state prisoner, has filed a *pro se* mandamus petition presumably pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1361. The plaintiff seeks an order directing the Warden of the Western Illinois Correctional Center to re-calculate the plaintiff's sentence to reflect his original custody date. [Although the body of the petition seeks relief from the Western Illinois Correctional Center's warden, the Cook County Sheriff is named as the defendant in the caption.]

The plaintiff has failed either to pay the statutory filing fee or to file a petition for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The Prison Litigation Reform Act requires all inmates to pay the full filing fee, even those whose cases are summarily dismissed. In all prisoner civil lawsuits, the court must assess an initial partial filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). The court will direct correctional officials to deduct the initial filing fee payment directly from the plaintiff's trust fund account. Thereafter, correctional authorities having custody of the plaintiff will be authorized and ordered to make monthly payments to the court of 20% of the preceding month's income credited to the trust fund account until such time as the full filing fee is paid.

To enable the court to make the necessary assessment of the initial partial filing fee, the plaintiff must "submit a certified copy of the trust fund account statement (or institutional equivalent) for the prisoner for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint or notice of appeal, obtained from the

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appropriate official of each prison at which the prisoner is or was confined.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Therefore, if the plaintiff wishes to proceed with this case by making installment payments instead of paying the full filing fee in advance, he must file an *in forma pauperis* application on the form required by the rules of this court, together with a certified copy or copies of his trust fund statements reflecting all activity in his accounts in the past six months [that is, from October 10, 2011, through April 10, 2012].

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