

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA
HAMMOND DIVISION

AMENDED OPINION AND ORDER

Darryl A Brown, by counsel, submitted a petition seeking leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. [DE 3.] His petition declares that his wife's take home pay is \$1,860 net every two weeks. The annualized value of that income stream is \$48,360. Mr. Brown does not have any dependents. The 2016 poverty guideline for a family of two living in Indiana is \$16,020. Annual Update of the HHS Poverty Guidelines, 81 Fed. Reg. 4036-4037 (Jan. 25, 2016). Mr. Brown's *in forma pauperis* petition, therefore, is denied and he will be required to pay the filing fee before he may proceed with this lawsuit.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court:

- (1) **DENIES** the petition for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* [DE 3];
- (2) **GRANTS** Mr. Brown to and including February 27, 2017 to pay the \$400.00 filing fee; and
- (3) **CAUTIONS** Mr. Brown that if he does not pay the filing fee by the deadline, this case will be dismissed without further notice for non-payment of the filing fee.

SO ORDERED.

ENTERED: January 30, 2017

s/ Philip P. Simon
PHILIP P. SIMON, CHIEF JUDGE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT