

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MISSOURI  
EASTERN DIVISION**

CHAUNCEY LEON WATKINS,

Plaintiff,

v.

UNKNOWN PRESSON, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 4:17-CV-1243 DDN

**MEMORANDUM AND ORDER**

This matter is before the Court upon review of plaintiff's pro se complaint. The complaint is defective because plaintiff has failed to either pay the full \$400 filing fee in this action or file a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). If plaintiff wishes to submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, he must also submit a copy of his prison account statement in support of his motion.

Accordingly,


**IT IS HEREBY ORDERED** that the Clerk is directed to mail to plaintiff a copy of the motion to proceed in forma pauperis form for prisoners.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that plaintiff must either pay the \$400 filing fee **or** submit a motion to proceed in forma pauperis within thirty (30) days of the date of this Order.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if plaintiff files a motion to proceed in forma pauperis, he must also file a certified copy of his prison account statement for the six-month period preceding the filing of the complaint.

**IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that if plaintiff fails to comply with this Order, the Court will dismiss this action without prejudice. If the case is dismissed for non-compliance with this Order, the dismissal will **not** count as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

Dated this 11th day of April, 2017.

  
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CATHERINE D. PERRY  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE