

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEBRASKA

MODESTO A. COVARRUBIAS,

Plaintiff,

vs.

THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT  
COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF  
NEBRASKA,

Defendant.

**8:18CV283**

**MEMORANDUM  
AND ORDER**

This matter is before the court for case management. The Prison Litigation Reform Act requires an imprisoned civil plaintiff to pay the court's entire filing fee, either at the outset when filing the complaint, or in installments if the court grants leave to proceed in forma pauperis ("IFP"). *In re Tyler*, 110 F.3d 528, 529–30 (8th Cir. 1997); *Jackson v. N.P. Dodge Realty Co.*, 173 F. Supp. 2d 951 (D. Neb. 2001).

On July 10, 2018, the court granted Plaintiff's motion seeking leave to proceed IFP and ordered him to pay an initial partial filing fee in the amount of \$0.83 within 30 days. (See [Filing No. 7](#).) To date, Plaintiff has not paid the initial partial filing fee or asked for an extension of time in which to do so.<sup>1</sup> Accordingly, the court will require Plaintiff to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for his failure to pay the initial partial filing fee.

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff has filed copies of two Nebraska Department of Correctional Services Institutional Checks. ([Filing No. 8](#); [Filing No. 9](#).) The court cannot ascertain if Plaintiff filed the Institutional Checks as a form of payment or to merely show he has initiated a request with his institution to remit payment. In any case, the Institutional Checks are not a proper form of payment.

If Plaintiff's failure to pay by the court's deadline was caused by prison officials' failure to adhere to his request to remit payment using funds from his account, his failure to pay within the time ordered by the court will be excused. However, if Plaintiff's failure to pay by the court's deadline was caused by his failure to leave sufficient funds in his account to timely pay the initial partial filing fee, his failure to pay will not be excused. Absent a sufficient response, the case will be subject to dismissal. *See Taylor v. Cassidy, 570 Fed. App'x. 632 (8th Cir. 2014)* (holding district court abused its discretion by dismissing case without first taking steps to determine whether prisoner-plaintiff's failure to pay the initial partial filing fee "was caused by circumstances beyond his control, such as prison officials' failure to adhere to his request to remit payment using funds from his account").

IT IS ORDERED:

1. Plaintiff will have 30 days to show cause why this case should not be dismissed for failure to pay the initial partial filing fee. In the absence of cause shown, this case will be dismissed without prejudice and without further notice.

2. The clerk of the court is directed to set a pro se case management deadline in this case using the following text: **September 14, 2018**: check for response to show cause order.

Dated this 15th day of August, 2018.

BY THE COURT:

*s/ Richard G. Kopf*  
Senior United States District Judge