

1 statute providing authority to proceed *in forma pauperis*, 28 U.S.C. § 1915, does not include the right
2 to obtain court documents without payment. Although the Ninth Circuit has not spoken on the issue,
3 courts in other jurisdictions have not allowed plaintiffs proceeding *in forma pauperis* to receive free
4 copies of documents from the court without the plaintiff demonstrating a specific showing of need. *See*,
5 *e.g.*, *Collins v. Goord*, 438 F.Supp. 2d 399 (S.D.N.Y. 2006); *Guinn v. Hoecker*, 43 F.3d 1483 (10th Cir.
6 1994) (no right to free copy of any document in record unless plaintiff demonstrates specific need); *In*
7 *re Richard*, 914 F.2d 1526 (6th Cir. 1990) (28 U.S.C. § 1915 does not give litigant right to have
8 documents copied at government expense); *Douglas v. Green*, 327 F.2d 661, 662 (6th Cir. 1964) (no
9 free copy of court orders).

10 Here, plaintiff asserts that he needs copies of the documents because he has been transferred
11 several times in the last couple months, and, as a result, his “civil complaint and documents, as well as
12 other items of value, were lost.” (#50). On September 20, 2011, October 19, 2011, and October 26,
13 2011, plaintiff was transferred between four different correctional facilities. *Id.* He contends that since
14 he is proceeding *in forma pauperis*, he has no funds to replace the lost documents. *Id.* The court finds
15 that plaintiff has demonstrated a specific showing of need for the copies. *See, e.g., Collins*, 438 F.Supp.
16 2d 399; *Guinn*, 43 F.3d 1483; *In re Richard*, 914 F.2d 1526; *Douglas*, 327 F.2d 661, 662.

17 The only necessary documents at this stage in the litigation are the docket sheet, the plaintiff’s
18 complaint (#8), the court’s order dismissing claims (#33), and the defendants’ answer to the complaint
19 (#41). The plaintiff does not need copies of any motions made by the defendants in order to proceed,
20 as the court has already ruled on the motions and the docket sheet reflects the court’s rulings.

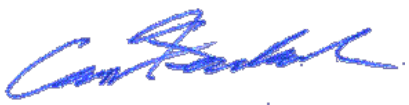
21 Accordingly, and for good cause shown,

22 IT IS ORDERED that *pro se* plaintiff Ken Roberts’ Motion To Receive Free Copy Work From
23 the Court (#50) is GRANTED in part and DENIED in part.

24 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the Clerk shall mail a copy of the complete docket sheet,
25 the plaintiff’s complaint (#8), the court’s order (#33), and the defendants’ answer to the complaint (#41)

1 to the plaintiff at the address indicated on his change of address form attached to the motion (#50):
2 Lovelock Correctional Center, 1200 Prison Road, Lovelock, Nevada, 89419.

3 DATED this 29th day of November, 2011.

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6 **CAM FERENBACH**
7 **UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE**

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