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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

CRAIG L. JACOBSEN, JR.,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
O. THIENHAUS et al.,  
Defendants.

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2:16-cv-00331-JAD-NJK  
**ORDER**

**I. DISCUSSION**

Plaintiff, who is a prisoner in the custody of the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office in Phoenix, Arizona, has filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1). Plaintiff has not filed a complaint in this matter.

Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 3, "[a] civil action is commenced by filing a complaint with the court." Fed. R. Civ. P. 3. As such, the Court grants Plaintiff thirty (30) days from the date of this order to submit a complaint to this Court. The Court will defer a decision on the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* until Plaintiff submits a proper initiating document for this case.

**II. CONCLUSION**

For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that a decision on the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is deferred.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that Plaintiff shall submit a complaint to this Court within thirty (30) days from the date of this order.

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court shall send to Plaintiff the approved form for filing a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 complaint and instructions for the same.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that if Plaintiff does not timely comply with this order, dismissal of this action may result.

DATED: This 1st day of March, 2016.

  
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NANCY J. KOPPE  
United States Magistrate Judge