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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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REGINALD C. HOWARD,

Case No. 2:17-cv-01002-JAD-BNW

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

GREG COX, *et al.*,

Defendants.

This action began with a pro se civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a person in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections. Plaintiff has submitted two applications to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF No. 1, 14). The Court denies the first application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) as moot. Based on the financial information provided, the Court finds that Plaintiff is unable to prepay the full filing fee in this matter and grants the second application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 14).

The Court imposed a 90-day stay on May 15, 2019, and the Court entered a subsequent order in which the parties were assigned to mediation by a court-appointed mediator. (ECF No. 11, 13). The Office of the Attorney General has filed a status report indicating that settlement has not been reached and informing the Court of its intent to proceed with this action. (ECF No. 17).

For the foregoing reasons, **IT IS ORDERED** that:

1. Plaintiff's first application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is denied as moot, but his second application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 14) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff shall not be required to pay an initial installment of the filing fee. In

1 the event that this action is dismissed, the full filing fee must still be paid pursuant to 28
2 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

3 2. The movant herein is permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without
4 the necessity of prepayment of any additional fees or costs or the giving of security
5 therefor. This order granting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* shall not extend to the
6 issuance and/or service of subpoenas at government expense.

7 3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2), the Nevada Department of Corrections
8 shall pay to the Clerk of the United States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the
9 preceding month's deposits to Plaintiff's account (**Reginald C. Howard, # 13891**), in the
10 months that the account exceeds \$10.00, until the full \$350.00 filing fee has been paid
11 for this action. The Clerk of the Court shall **SEND** a copy of this order to the Finance
12 Division of the Clerk's Office. The Clerk of the Court shall also **SEND** a copy of this order
13 to the attention of the Chief of Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections,
14 P.O. Box 7011, Carson City, NV 89702.

15 4. The Clerk of the Court shall electronically **SERVE** a copy of this order and
16 a copy of Plaintiff's first amended complaint (ECF No. 5) on the Office of the Attorney
17 General of the State of Nevada by adding the Attorney General of the State of Nevada to
18 the docket sheet. This does not indicate acceptance of service.

19 5. Service must be perfected within ninety (90) days from the date of this order
20 pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

21 6. Subject to the findings of the screening order on the first amended complaint
22 (ECF No. 11), within twenty-one (21) days of the date of entry of this order, the Attorney
23 General's Office shall file a notice advising the Court and Plaintiff of: (a) the names of the
24 defendants for whom it accepts service; (b) the names of the defendants for whom it does
25 not accept service, and (c) the names of the defendants for whom it is filing the last-
26 known-address information under seal. As to any of the named defendants for whom the
27 Attorney General's Office cannot accept service, the Office shall file, under seal, but shall
28 not serve the inmate Plaintiff the last known address(es) of those defendant(s) for whom

1 it has such information. If the last known address of the defendant(s) is a post office box,
2 the Attorney General's Office shall attempt to obtain and provide the last known physical
3 address(es).

4 7. If service cannot be accepted for any of the named defendant(s), Plaintiff
5 shall file a motion identifying the unserved defendant(s), requesting issuance of a
6 summons, and specifying a full name and address for the defendant(s). For the
7 defendant(s) as to which the Attorney General has not provided last-known-address
8 information, Plaintiff shall provide the full name and address for the defendant(s).

9 8. If the Attorney General accepts service of process for any named
10 defendant(s), such defendant(s) shall file and serve an answer or other response to the
11 complaint within sixty (60) days from the date of this order.

12 9. Henceforth, Plaintiff shall serve upon defendant(s) or, if an appearance has
13 been entered by counsel, upon their attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or other
14 document submitted for consideration by the Court. Plaintiff shall include with the original
15 document submitted for filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of
16 the document was mailed or electronically filed to the defendants or counsel for the
17 defendants. If counsel has entered a notice of appearance, Plaintiff shall direct service
18 to the individual attorney named in the notice of appearance, at the physical or electronic
19 address stated therein. The Court may disregard any document received by a district
20 judge or magistrate judge which has not been filed with the Clerk, and any document
21 received by a district judge, magistrate judge, or the Clerk which fails to include a
22 certificate showing proper service.

23 10. This case is no longer stayed.

24 DATED: August 15, 2019

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27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE