

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ANTHONY GIOIOSA, SR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

JENNIFER WALSH, *et al.*,

Defendants.

Case No. 2:20-cv-00760-GMN-DJA

**ORDER**

This action began with a *pro se* civil rights complaint filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 by a state prisoner. On April 12, 2021, the Court issued a screening order pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915A. (ECF No. 3). The Court ordered that the complaint be filed and that it be dismissed with leave to amend within 30 days. (*Id.* at 9-10). The 30-day period has now expired, and Plaintiff has not filed an amended complaint or otherwise responded to the Court's order.

Also pending before the Court is Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1). Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is granted. Based on the information regarding Plaintiff's financial status, the Court finds that Plaintiff is not able to pay an initial installment payment toward the full filing fee pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. Plaintiff will, however, be required to make monthly payments toward the full \$350.00 filing fee when he has funds available.

1 **I. DISCUSSION**

2 Section 1915A requires that, before docketing a complaint filed by an inmate, the  
3 Court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous,  
4 malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seek monetary relief  
5 from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See 28 U.S.C. 1915A. Similarly, under  
6 the Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA), a federal court must dismiss, at any time, an  
7 incarcerated person's claim if the claim "is frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on  
8 which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief against a defendant who is immune  
9 from such relief." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

10 In its Screening Order, the Court found that Plaintiff failed to state any cognizable  
11 claim for relief. (ECF No. at 4-8). In making these findings, the Court noted the  
12 deficiencies of each of Plaintiff's claims. (*Id.*). The Court dismissed Plaintiff's claims  
13 without prejudice for failure to state a claim but with leave to amend. (*Id.* at 9).

14 The Court granted Plaintiff 30 days from the date the Screening Order was  
15 entered—that is, until Tuesday, May 12, 2021—to file an amended complaint curing the  
16 deficiencies of his complaint. The Court specifically notified Plaintiff that, if he failed to file  
17 an amended complaint curing the deficiencies of his complaint within this 30-day period,  
18 this action would be "dismissed with prejudice for failure to state a claim." (*Id.* at 10).  
19 Plaintiff did not file an amended complaint within the 30-day period granted by the Court.  
20 By failing to timely amend his complaint, Plaintiff has effectively elected to stand upon a  
21 complaint that, as this Court previously found, fails to state a cognizable claim. See  
22 *Harris v. Mangum*, 863 F.3d 1133, 1142 (9th Cir. 2017).

23 Accordingly, as Plaintiff filed a complaint that fails to state a cognizable claim, and  
24 as the Court notified Plaintiff of the deficiencies of the complaint, and as the Court

1 provided Plaintiff an opportunity to amend his complaint, and as Plaintiff has not amended  
2 his complaint, the Court will now dismiss the complaint with prejudice and will enter  
3 judgment accordingly.

## 4 5 **II. CONCLUSION**

6 For the foregoing reasons,

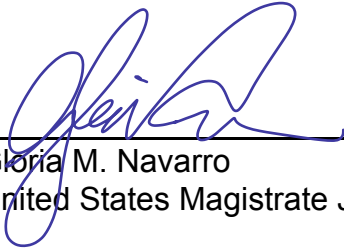
7 IT IS **ORDERED** that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No.  
8 1) without having to prepay the full filing fee is GRANTED. Plaintiff will not be required to  
9 pay an initial installment fee. Nevertheless, the full filing fee will still be due, pursuant to  
10 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by the Prison Litigation Reform Act. The movant herein is  
11 permitted to maintain this action to conclusion without the necessity of prepayment of fees  
12 or costs or the giving of security therefor. This order granting *in forma pauperis* status will  
13 not extend to the issuance and/or service of subpoenas at government expense.

14 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, as amended by  
15 the Prison Litigation Reform Act, the Nevada Department of Corrections will forward  
16 payments from the account of **Anthony Gioiosa, Sr., #1170052** to the Clerk of the United  
17 States District Court, District of Nevada, 20% of the preceding month's deposits (in  
18 months that the account exceeds \$10.00) until the full \$350 filing fee has been paid for  
19 this action. The Clerk of the Court will send a copy of this order to the Finance Division of  
20 the Clerk's Office. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to the attention of **Chief of**  
21 **Inmate Services for the Nevada Department of Corrections**, P.O. Box 7011, Carson  
22 City, NV 89702.

1 IT IS FURTHER **ORDERED** that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1915(e) and 1915A(b),  
2 this action is DISMISSED with prejudice as the complaint (ECF No. 4) fails to state a  
3 cognizable claim upon which relief may be granted.

4 IT IS FURTHER **ORDERED** that the Clerk of the Court shall close this case and  
5 enter judgment accordingly.

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7 DATED THIS 3 day of <sup>June</sup> [REDACTED] 2021.

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9 Gloria M. Navarro  
United States Magistrate Judge