

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ALFRED CENTOFANTI,

Plaintiff

Case No. 2:21-cv-00024-RFB-NJK

ORDER

THE STATE OF NEVADA, ex rel.
THE NDOC, et al.,

Defendants

I. DISCUSSION

On January 6, 2021, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Docket Nos. 1-1, 1. Plaintiff’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil action without prepaying the full \$402 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

- (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate's two signatures on page 3),
- (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
- (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period**.

Plaintiff has not submitted a Financial Certificate or an inmate account statement for the previous six-month period. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Docket No. 1, without prejudice because the application is incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* within 30 days of the date of this Order.

1 *pauperis* containing all three of the required documents. Plaintiff will file a fully complete
 2 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before **March 9, 2021**. Absent unusual
 3 circumstances, the Court will not grant any further extensions of time. If Plaintiff does not file a
 4 fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required documents on or
 5 before **March 9, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file
 6 a new case with the Court when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to
 7 file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

8 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the case
 9 with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to submit
 10 with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff may choose not to file
 11 an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the full filing fee of \$402 on or before
 12 **March 9, 2021** to proceed with this case.

13 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint, Docket No. 1-1, but the Court will
 14 not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application to proceed
 15 *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$402 filing fee.

16 **II. CONCLUSION**

17 For the foregoing reasons, IT IS ORDERED that Plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma*
 18 *pauperis*, Docket No. 1, is denied without prejudice to file a new fully complete application to
 19 proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents.

20 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will send Plaintiff the approved
 21 form application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by an inmate, as well as the document entitled
 22 information and instructions for filing an *in forma pauperis* application.

23 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **March 9, 2021**, Plaintiff will either pay the
 24 full \$402 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$52 administrative
 25 fee) or file with the Court:

26 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this Court's
 27 approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two signatures on page
 28 3),

1 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail official
2 (i.e. page 4 of this Court's approved form), and
3 (3) a copy of the **inmate's prison or jail trust fund account statement for the previous**
4 **six-month period.**

5 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to
6 proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$402 filing fee for a civil action
7 on or before **March 9, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff
8 to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents
9 needed to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$402 filing
10 fee.

11 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint, Docket
12 No.1-1, but will not file it at this time.

13 IT IS SO ORDERED.

14 DATED: January 8, 2021.

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE