

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 MATHEW L. WILLIAMS,  
4 Plaintiff,  
5 v.  
6 MARY BAKER, et al.,  
7 Defendants.

Case No.: 2:24-cv-01035-CDS-BNW

**ORDER**  
(ECF No. 1)

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9 On June 3, 2024, pro se plaintiff Mathew Williams, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada  
10 Department of Corrections, submitted a complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and applied to proceed  
11 *in forma pauperis*. ECF Nos. 1-1, 1. The application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is deficient  
12 because Plaintiff did not submit a financial certificate and an inmate trust fund account statement  
13 for the previous six-month period with it.

14 The United States District Court for the District of Nevada must collect filing fees from  
15 parties initiating civil actions. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). As of December 1, 2023, the fee for filing a  
16 civil-rights action is \$405, which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$55 administrative fee. *See*  
17 28 U.S.C. § 1914(b). “Any person who is unable to prepay the fees in a civil case may apply to the  
18 court for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*.” Nev. LSR 1-1. For an inmate to apply for *in forma*  
19 *pauperis* status, the inmate must submit **all three** of the following documents to the Court: (1) a  
20 completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, which is pages 1–3 of the  
21 Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by the inmate twice on page 3; (2) a completed  
22 **Financial Certificate**, which is page 4 of the Court’s approved form, that is properly signed by  
23 both the inmate and a prison or jail official; and (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust**  
24 **fund account statement for the previous six-month period**. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1)–(2);  
25 Nev. LSR 1-2. *In forma pauperis* status does not relieve an inmate of his or her obligation to pay  
26 the filing fee, it just means that the inmate can pay the fee in installments. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

27 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) is  
28 denied without prejudice.

1 It is further ordered that Plaintiff has **until August 5, 2024**, to either pay the full \$405 filing  
2 fee or file a new fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three required  
3 documents: (1) a completed application with the inmate's two signatures on page 3, (2) a  
4 completed financial certificate that is signed both by the inmate and the prison or jail official, and  
5 (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund account statement for the previous six-month period.

6 Plaintiff is cautioned that this action will be subject to dismissal without prejudice if  
7 Plaintiff fails to timely comply with this order. A dismissal without prejudice allows Plaintiff to  
8 refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff can file a complete  
9 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pay the required filing fee.

10 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send plaintiff Mathew Williams the approved form  
11 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate and instructions for the same, and to retain  
12 the complaint (ECF No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

13 DATED: June 4, 2024

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17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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