

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 JEREMY ESTEP,

4 Plaintiff

Case No. 3:20-cv-00635-GMN-WGC

**ORDER**

5 v.

6 ELKO COUNTY SHERIFF,

7 Defendant

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9 **I. DISCUSSION**

10 On November 12, 2020, Plaintiff, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada  
11 Department of Corrections (“NDOC”), submitted a civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C.  
12 § 1983 and filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (ECF Nos. 1-1, 1). Plaintiff’s  
13 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* is incomplete.

14 Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, an inmate seeking to begin  
15 a civil action in this Court may apply to proceed *in forma pauperis* in order to file the civil  
16 action without prepaying the full \$400 filing fee. To apply for *in forma pauperis* status, the  
17 inmate must submit all three of the following documents to the Court:

18 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate**, this  
19 Court’s approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 with the inmate’s two signatures on  
20 page 3),

21 (2) a **Financial Certificate** properly signed by both the inmate and a prison or jail  
22 official (i.e. page 4 of this Court’s approved form), and

23 (3) a copy of the **inmate’s prison or jail trust fund account statement for the**  
24 **previous six-month period.**

25 Plaintiff has not submitted a Financial Certificate or inmate account statement for  
26 the previous six-month period. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiff’s application to  
27 proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No. 1) without prejudice because the application is  
28 incomplete. The Court will grant Plaintiff a **one-time extension** to file a fully complete

1 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* containing all three of the required documents.  
2 Plaintiff will file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* on or before  
3 **January 15, 2021**. Absent unusual circumstances, the Court will not grant any further  
4 extensions of time. If Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma*  
5 *pauperis* with all three required documents on or before **January 15, 2021**, this case will  
6 be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to file a new case with the Court  
7 when Plaintiff is able to acquire all three of the documents needed to file a fully complete  
8 application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

9 A dismissal without prejudice means Plaintiff does not give up the right to refile the  
10 case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents  
11 needed to submit with the application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Alternatively, Plaintiff  
12 may choose not to file an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* and instead pay the  
13 full filing fee of \$400 on or before **January 15, 2021** to proceed with this case.

14 The Court will retain Plaintiff's civil rights complaint (ECF No. 1-1), but the Court  
15 will not file the complaint unless and until Plaintiff timely files a fully complete application  
16 to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pays the full \$400 filing fee.

## 17 **II. CONCLUSION**

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

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

24 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that on or before **January 15, 2021**, Plaintiff will either  
25 pay the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action (which includes the \$350 filing fee and the \$50  
26 administrative fee) or file with the Court:

27 (1) a completed **Application to Proceed in Forma Pauperis for Inmate** on this

28 Court's approved form (i.e. pages 1 through 3 of the form with the inmate's two

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- 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.**

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that, if Plaintiff does not file a fully complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with all three documents or pay the full \$400 filing fee for a civil action on or before **January 15, 2021**, this case will be subject to dismissal without prejudice for Plaintiff to refile the case with the Court, under a new case number, when Plaintiff has all three documents needed to file a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* or pays the the full \$400 filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court will retain the complaint (ECF No.1-1) but will not file it at this time.

DATED: November 16, 2020

William G. Cobb  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE