

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 DISTRICT OF NEVADA

3 RICHARD IDEN,
4 Plaintiff,
5
6 v.
7 DOCTOR DIKIN, et al.,
8 Defendants.

Case No.: 3:25-cv-00126-MMD-CLB

ORDER

9 On March 4, 2025, plaintiff Richard Iden, an inmate in the custody of the Nevada
10 Department of Corrections, submitted a civil-rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.
11 (ECF No. 1-1). But Plaintiff neither paid the full filing fee for a civil action nor applied to
12 proceed *in forma pauperis*, one of which is required to continue with this action.

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

26 It is therefore ordered that Plaintiff has **until May 12, 2025**, to either pay the full
27 \$405 filing fee or file: (1) a completed application to proceed *in forma pauperis* with the

1 inmate's two signatures on page 3, (2) a completed financial certificate that is signed both
2 by the inmate and the prison or jail official, and (3) a copy of the inmate's trust fund
3 account statement for the previous six-month period.

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

8 The Clerk of the Court is directed to send Plaintiff the approved form application to
9 proceed *in forma pauperis* for an inmate with instructions and to retain the complaint (ECF
10 No. 1-1) but not file it at this time.

11 DATED: March 12, 2025

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14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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