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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

SALAHUDDIN F. SMART,	
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Plaintiff,

Civ. No. 13-4339 (RBK) (KMW)

v.

MEMORNADUM ORDER

ALEXANDRA B. OASIN, et al.,

Defendants.

Defendants.

Plaintiff was an incarcerated prisoner at the Jones Farm in West Trenton, New Jersey when he initially submitted this *pro se* civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On August 27, 2013, this case was administratively closed as plaintiff had failed to file a complaint application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by a prisoner. ¹ Subsequently, it appears that plaintiff was released from prison and he filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* by a non-prisoner. (*See* Dkt. No. 7.) Nevertheless, before the Court ruled on this non-prisoner *in forma pauperis* application, plaintiff has recently indicated to the Court that he is now back in prison. (*See* Dkt. No. 8.) Indeed, he states that he is back at Jones Farm. (*See id.*)

The Court will deny plaintiff's pending application to proceed *in forma pauperis* without prejudice. As plaintiff was incarcerated at the time he filed this civil action, and as plaintiff has now been re-incarcerated, this re-incarceration necessitates that he now file a prisoner *in forma pauperis* application, which includes a certified prisoner trust account statement before the Court can rule on his *in forma pauperis* application. *Accord Smith v. Scott*, No. 13-0613, 2014 WL 908423, at *2 (S.D. Ohio Mar. 7, 2014) (noting that while plaintiff filed his non-prisoner *in*

¹ It is worth noting that as plaintiff was a prisoner at the time he filed this action, the Prison Litigation Reform Act applies. *See Drayer v. Attorney Gen. of Del.*, 81 F. App'x 429, 431 (3d Cir. 2003) (per curiam) (quoting *In re Smith*, 114 F.3d 1241, 1251 (D.C. Cir. 1997)).

forma pauperis application during his release from prison, his reincarceration necessitated the Magistrate Judge to order him to file a prisoner in forma pauperis application, including a certified trust account statement). The current pending application to proceed in forma pauperis does not include such a certified statement. Therefore, plaintiff's current pending non-prisoner application to proceed in forma pauperis will be denied without prejudice. Plaintiff will be ordered to submit a prisoner application to proceed in forma pauperis (or prepay the filing fee), which includes a certified six-month prisoner trust account statement within thirty days if he elects to continue this action.

Accordingly, IT IS on this 5th day of August, 2014,

ORDERED that the Clerk shall reopen this case;

ORDERED that plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. No. 7.) is denied without prejudice; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall re-administratively terminate this case, without filing the complaint or assessing a filing fee; plaintiff is informed that administrative termination is not a "dismissal" for purposes of the statute of limitations, and that if the case is reopened, it is not subject to the statute of limitations time bar provided the original complaint was timely; and it is further

ORDERED that plaintiff may have the above entitled case reopened, if, within thirty (30) days of the date of the entry of this Order, plaintiff either pre-pays the \$400.00 filing fee or submits to the Clerk a complete signed *in forma pauperis* application, including a certified sixmonth prison account statement; and it is further

ORDERED that upon receipt of a writing from plaintiff stating that he wishes to reopen

this case, and either a complete in forma pauperis application or filing fee, within the time

allotted by this Court, the Clerk will be directed to reopen this case; and it is further

ORDERED that the Clerk shall serve on plaintiff by regular U.S. mail this Memorandum

Order and a blank form application to proceed in forma pauperis by a prisoner in a civil rights

case.

s/Robert B. Kugler

ROBERT B. KUGLER

United States District Judge

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