

NOT FOR PUBLICATION**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

JORDAN K. HAZEL,

Plaintiff,

v.

NEW JERSEY DEPARTMENT OF
CORRECTIONS,

Defendant.

Civil Action No. 17-4460-BRM-DEA

MEMORANDUM OPINION**MARTINOTTI, DISTRICT JUDGE**

Before this Court is a complaint (ECF No. 1) by Plaintiff Jordan K. Hazel (“Plaintiff”), a convicted state prisoner confined in the Central Reception and Assignment Facility (“CRAF”) in Trenton, New Jersey, raising civil rights claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. For the reasons set forth below, Plaintiff’s complaint shall be **ADMINISTRATIVELY TERMINATED** because Plaintiff has not paid the appropriate filing fees and has not filed a complete application to proceed *in forma pauperis* sufficient to enable him to proceed without prepayment of those fees.

The entire fee to be paid in advance of filing a civil complaint is \$400. That fee includes a filing fee of \$350 and an administrative fee of \$50, for a total of \$400. However, the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995 (the “Act”), which amends 28 U.S.C. § 1915, permits prisoners to bring a civil action *in forma pauperis* if they meet certain financial requirements. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). If *in forma pauperis* status is denied, a prisoner must pay the full \$400, including the \$350 filing fee and \$50 administrative fee, before his complaint will be filed. If the prisoner is granted *in forma pauperis* status, he will only be assessed the \$350 filing fee and will not be responsible for the \$50 administrative fee.

In this action, Plaintiff has not paid the applicable filing fees nor has he filed an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because Plaintiff failed to submit a complete *in forma pauperis* application as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and (2) or pay the filing fees, this matter shall be administratively terminated until Plaintiff either pays the applicable fees or files a complete *in forma pauperis* application.

Date: July 17, 2017

/s/ *Brian R. Martinotti*
HON. BRIAN R. MARTINOTTI
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE