

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA**

STEVEN WONG,
Plaintiff

v.

TIM BETTI, et al.,
Defendants

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No. 1:22-cv-01063

(Judge Rambo)

ORDER

AND NOW, on this 15th day of September 2022, upon consideration of Plaintiff's complaint (Doc. No. 1), motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. No. 2), prisoner trust fund account statement (Doc. No. 8), and in accordance with the accompanying Memorandum, **IT IS ORDERED THAT:**

1. Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (Doc. No. 2) is **GRANTED**, and the complaint (Doc. No. 1) is **DEEMED** filed;
2. Plaintiff shall pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 based on the financial information provided in the application to proceed in forma pauperis. The full filing fee shall be paid regardless of the outcome of the litigation;
3. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) and (2), the Superintendent/Warden or other appropriate official at Plaintiff's place of confinement is directed to deduct an initial partial filing fee of 20% of the greater of:
 - a. The average monthly deposits in the inmate's prison account for the past six months, or
 - b. The average monthly balance in the inmate's prison account for the past six months.

The initial partial filing fee shall be forwarded to the Clerk of the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania, P.O. Box 1148, Scranton, Pennsylvania, 18501-1148, to be credited to the above-captioned docket number. In each succeeding month, when the amount in Plaintiff's inmate trust fund account exceeds \$10.00, the Superintendent/Warden or other appropriate official shall forward payments to the Clerk of Court equaling 20% of the preceding month's income credited to Plaintiff's inmate trust fund account until the fees are paid. Each payment shall reference the above-captioned docket number;

4. The Clerk of Court is directed to **SEND** a copy of this Order to the Superintendent/Warden of the institution where Plaintiff is presently confined;
5. Plaintiff's complaint is **DISMISSED** for failure to state a claim upon which relief can be granted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii) as follows:
 - a. Plaintiff's claims against Defendant Lackawanna County Jail Administration Department are **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**. The Clerk of Court is directed to **TERMINATE** Defendant Lackawanna County Jail Administration Department as a defendant in this case;
 - b. Plaintiff's request for injunctive relief is **DISMISSED WITH PREJUDICE**;
 - c. Plaintiff's claims against Defendants Tim Betti and WellPath are **DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE**;
6. Plaintiff is **GRANTED** leave to file an amended complaint with respect to his claims brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Defendants Tim Betti and WellPath;
7. Plaintiff shall file his amended complaint within **thirty (30) days** of the date of this Order;

8. The Clerk of Court is directed to mail Plaintiff a civil rights complaint form. Plaintiff shall title that complaint form “Amended Complaint” and shall include the docket number for this case, 1:22-cv-01063; and
9. In the event that Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within the thirty (30) days, this action may be subject to dismissal for failure to prosecute pursuant to Rule 41(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.

s/ Sylvia H. Rambo
SYLVIA H. RAMBO
United States District Judge