

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF SOUTH CAROLINA

Joseph Lee McFadden, #346693,	)	C/A No. 4:11-2317-TLW-SVH
	)	
Plaintiff,	)	
	)	
v.	)	
	)	ORDER
State of South Carolina; County of	)	
Florence; and The State,	)	
	)	
Defendants.	)	
_____	)	

This is a civil action filed by a state prisoner.<sup>1</sup> By order dated September 28, 2011, Plaintiff was given a specific time frame in which to bring this case into proper form. Plaintiff has substantially complied with the court's order, and this case is now in proper form.

**PAYMENT OF THE FILING FEE:**

By filing this case, Plaintiff has incurred a debt to the United States of America in the amount of \$350. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1914. This debt is not dischargeable in the event Plaintiff seeks relief under the bankruptcy provisions of the United States Code. *See* 11 U.S.C. § 523(a)(17). The Prison Litigation Reform Act (PLRA) of 1996 permits a prisoner to file a civil action without prepayment of fees or security, but requires the prisoner “to pay the full amount of the filing fee” as funds are available. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), (b). **The agency having custody of Plaintiff shall collect payments from Plaintiff's prisoner trust account in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1) and (2), until the full filing fee is paid.** *See Torres v. O'Quinn*, 612 F.3d 237, 252 (4th Cir. 2010) (“We hold that 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2) caps the amount of funds that may be withdrawn from an inmate's trust account at a maximum of twenty percent *regardless of the number of cases or appeals the inmate has filed.*”) (emphasis in original).

Plaintiff has submitted an Application to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees and Affidavit (Form AO 240) and a Financial Certificate, which are construed as a Motion for

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<sup>1</sup> Plaintiff submitted two complaints signed on the same date against the same defendants raising similar claims, and the Clerk of Court filed the two documents together as the Complaint in this action. [Entry #1].

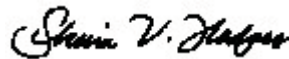
Leave to Proceed *in forma pauperis*. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1), (2). A review of the Motion reveals that Plaintiff does not have the funds to pay the first installment of the filing fee. Therefore, the amount due from Plaintiff is currently \$350.

Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* is **granted**.

**TO THE CLERK OF COURT:**

This case is subject to summary dismissal based on an initial screening conducted pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915 and/or 28 U.S.C. § 1915A. Therefore, the Clerk of Court shall **not** issue the summonses or forward this matter to the United States Marshal for service of process at this time.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



November 21, 2011  
Florence, South Carolina

Shiva V. Hodges  
United States Magistrate Judge