

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE
AT CHATTANOOGA

WILLIE P. GREEN,)	
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Plaintiff,)	
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v.)	No. 1:22-CV-00030-JRG-SKL
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MCMINN COUNTY,)	
)	
Defendant.)	

MEMORANDUM OPINION AND ORDER

The Court is in receipt of a pro se prisoner’s complaint for violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983 [Doc. 1] and a motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* [Doc. 2].

It appears from the motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* that Plaintiff lacks sufficient financial resources to pay the filing fee. Accordingly, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, this motion [Doc. 2] is **GRANTED**.

Because Plaintiff is an inmate in the McMinn County Justice Center, he is **ASSESSED** the civil filing fee of \$350.00. The custodian of Plaintiff’s inmate trust account is **DIRECTED** to submit to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, 900 Georgia Avenue, Chattanooga, Tennessee, 37402 as an initial partial payment, whichever is the greater of: (a) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly deposits to Plaintiff’s inmate trust account; or (b) twenty percent (20%) of the average monthly balance in his inmate trust account for the six-month period preceding the filing of the complaint. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b) (1) (A) and (B). Thereafter, the custodian of Plaintiff’s inmate trust account is directed to submit twenty percent (20%) of Plaintiff’s preceding monthly income (or income credited to Plaintiff’s trust account for the preceding month), but only when such monthly income exceeds ten dollars (\$10.00), until the full filing fee of three hundred fifty dollars

(\$350.00) as authorized under 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a) has been paid to the Clerk. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

The Clerk is **DIRECTED** to send a copy of this Memorandum and Order to the Sheriff of McMinn County, Tennessee, to ensure that the custodian of Plaintiff's inmate trust account complies with that portion of the Prison Litigation Reform Act relating to payment of the filing fee. The Clerk is also **DIRECTED** to forward a copy of this Memorandum and Order to the Court's financial deputy.

In his Complaint, Plaintiff alleges that he is exposed to black mold at the McMinn County Justice Center due to McMinn County's refusal to properly clean (or allow inmates supplies to properly clean) the facility [Doc. 1]. He maintains that the living conditions have caused him breathing problems that the nurse has confirmed is worsened by the mold [*Id.* at 2]. Liberally construing Plaintiff's Complaint, the Court finds he has stated a plausible conditions-of-confinement claim against McMinn County.

Therefore, the Clerk is **DIRECTED** to send Plaintiff a service packet (a blank summons and USM 285 form) for Defendant. Plaintiff is **ORDERED** to complete the service packet and return it to the Clerk's Office within twenty (20) days of receipt of this Order. At that time, the summons will be signed and sealed by the Clerk and forwarded to the U.S. Marshal for service. Fed. R. Civ. P. 4. Plaintiff is forewarned that if he fails to timely return the completed service packet, this action will be dismissed.

Defendant shall answer or otherwise respond to the Complaint within twenty-one (21) days from the date of service. If Defendant fails to timely respond to the Complaint, it may result in entry of judgment by default against it.

Plaintiff is **ORDERED** to immediately inform the Court and Defendant or its counsel of record of any address changes in writing. Pursuant to Local Rule 83.13, it is the duty of a pro se party to promptly notify the Clerk and the other parties to the proceedings of any change in his or her address, to monitor the progress of the case, and to prosecute or defend the action diligently. E.D. Tenn. L.R. 83.13. Failure to provide a correct address to this Court within fourteen (14) days of any change in address may result in the dismissal of this action.

So ordered.

ENTER:

s/J. RONNIE GREER

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE