

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF TENNESSEE  
AT KNOXVILLE

JEREMY PENDERGRASS,	)	
	)	
<i>Petitioner,</i>	)	
	)	
v.	)	No.: 3:15-CV-129-TAV-HBG
	)	
DERRICK SCHOFIELD, <i>et al.</i> ,	)	
	)	
<i>Respondents.</i>	)	

**MEMORANDUM OPINION**

On May 20, 2015, a deficiency order was entered in this *pro se* prisoner’s civil rights case, filed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 [Doc. 6]. In the deficiency order, plaintiff was notified that, unless within thirty (30) days of that date, he paid the full filing fee or submitted the necessary documentation to support his pending motion for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Court would dismiss his lawsuit for failure to prosecute and to comply with the orders of the court and would assess the filing fee. Plaintiff has not responded to this order or otherwise communicated with the Court.

Accordingly, the Court presumes that plaintiff is not a pauper and hereby **ASSESES** him the full filing fee. *McGore v. Wrigglesworth*, 114 F.3d 601, 605 (6th Cir. 1997) (instructing that “[i]f the prisoner does not comply with the district court’s directions, the district court must presume that the prisoner is not a pauper and assess the inmate the full amount of fees”), *overruled on other grounds by Jones v. Bock*, 549 U.S. 199 (2007).

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1)(A) and (B), the custodian of plaintiff's inmate trust account at Morgan County Correctional Complex is directed to submit to the Clerk, U.S. District Court, 800 Market Street, Suite 130, Knoxville, Tennessee 37902, as an initial partial payment, whichever is 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 plaintiff's inmate trust account for the six-month period preceding the filing of the complaint.

Thereafter, the custodian shall submit twenty percent (20%) of plaintiff's preceding monthly income (or income credited to the 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 and accompanying Judgment to the Morgan County Correctional Complex, the Commissioner of the Tennessee Department of Correction, and the Attorney General for the State of Tennessee to ensure that the custodian of the 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 further **DIRECTED** to forward a copy of the Memorandum and accompanying Judgment Order to the court's financial deputy.

Because of plaintiff's failure to comply with the orders of the Court and to prosecute his case, this lawsuit will be **DISMISSED**. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

Finally, the Court **CERTIFIES** that any appeal from this action would not be taken in good faith and would be totally frivolous. See Rule 24 of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure.

A separate judgment will enter.

**E N T E R :**

s/ Thomas A. Varlan  
CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE