IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF VIRGINIA Richmond Division

DERRICK JEROME HAWTHORNE,)
Petitioner,)
v.)
EDDIE L. PEARSON)
Respondent.)

Civil Action No. 3:20CV764–HEH

<u>MEMORANDUM OPINION</u> (Dismissing Action Without Prejudice)

On October 27, 2020, the Court conditionally docketed Petitioner's action.

Petitioner requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. By Memorandum Order entered on November 18, 2020, the Court directed Petitioner to pay the filing fee of \$5.00 or state under penalty of perjury that he did not have sufficient assets to pay such a fee within eleven (11) days of the date of entry thereof. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). Petitioner has neither paid the initial partial filing fee nor averred that he cannot pay such a fee. Therefore, Petitioner is not entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Petitioner's disregard of the Court's directives warrants dismissal of the action. Accordingly, the action will be dismissed without prejudice.

An appropriate Order shall accompany this Memorandum Opinion.

HENRY E. HUDSON SENIOR UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

/s/

Date: <u>Dec. 17, 202</u>0 Richmond, Virginia