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

JONAH SOVEREIGN,

Plaintiff,

V.

Civil Action No. 3:23CV07

HAROLD W. CLARKE, et al.,

Defendants.

**MEMORANDUM OPINION** 

On January 10, 2023, the Court conditionally docketed Plaintiff's action. Plaintiff requested leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. By Memorandum Order entered on February 15, 2023, the Court directed Plaintiff to pay an initial partial filing fee of \$13.35 or state under penalty of perjury that he did not have sufficient assets to pay such a fee within thirty (30) days of the date of entry thereof. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). Plaintiff has neither paid the initial partial filing fee nor averred that he cannot pay such a fee. Plaintiff, therefore, is not entitled to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Plaintiff's disregard of the Court's directives warrants dismissal of the action. Accordingly, the action will be DISMISSED WITHOUT PREJUDICE.

An appropriate Order shall issue.

27 March 2023

Date:

Richmond, Virginia

John A. Gibney, Jr.

Senior United States District Judge