

THE HONORABLE JOHN C. COUGHENOUR

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
AT SEATTLE

MEREDITH McGLOWN,

Plaintiff,

v.

STATE OF WASHINGTON, *et al.*,

Defendants.

CASE NO. C17-0202-JCC

MINUTE ORDER

The following Minute Order is made by direction of the Court, the Honorable John C. Coughenour, United States District Judge:

This matter comes before the Court on the referral notice from the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit (Dkt. No. 7). The Ninth Circuit referred this matter for the limited purpose of determining whether *in forma pauperis* status should continue for Plaintiff Meredith McGlown's appeal or whether the appeal is frivolous or taken in bad faith. (*Id.* at 1.)

"An appeal may not be taken in forma pauperis if the trial court certifies in writing that it is not taken in good faith." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(3). "[A]n appeal is not taken in good faith . . . if there is some evident improper motive or if no issue is presented which is not plainly frivolous." *Tweedy v. United States*, 276 F.2d 649, 651 (9th Cir. 1960); *see also Hooker v. American Airlines*, 302 F.3d 1091, 1092 (9th Cir. 2002) ("If at least one issue or claim is found to be non-frivolous, leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal must be granted.").

