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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
7 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

8 MICHAEL PONCE,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 NANCY A. BERRYHILL, Acting  
12 Commissioner of Social Security,

13 Defendant.

Case No. C17-570-JPD

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S  
APPLICATION TO PROCEED *IN*  
*FORMA PAUPERIS*

14 After careful consideration of plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
15 ("IFP"), the governing law, and the balance of the record, the Court ORDERS:

16 (1) Plaintiff's application to proceed IFP, Dkt. 1, is GRANTED. Plaintiff does not  
17 appear to have funds available to afford the \$400.00 filing fee.

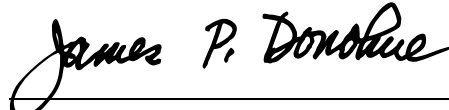
18 (2) The Clerk of the Court is directed to send a copy of this Order to plaintiff's  
19 counsel, and to issue summonses to plaintiff's counsel to enable proper service of the  
20 complaint on the appropriate parties. Plaintiff shall note that it is plaintiff's attorney's  
21 responsibility to serve copies of the complaint properly along with appropriate summonses as  
22 required by Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff may effectuate service  
23 electronically as detailed in General Orders 04-15 and 05-15, by sending a copy of the  
24 summonses and complaint, along with plaintiff's identifying information, by email to

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1 USAWAW.SSAClerk@usdoj.gov. A certificate of service must also be promptly filed with  
2 the Court.

3 (3) The Clerk of the Court is directed to send to plaintiff's counsel a copy of the  
4 Notice of Initial Assignment and Consent to Proceed before a United States Magistrate Judge.

5 DATED this 20th day of April, 2017.

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8 JAMES P. DONOHUE  
9 Chief United States Magistrate Judge  
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