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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
10 AT TACOMA

11 DALLAS HOAGLAND,

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

14 SOCIAL SECURITY ADMINISTRATION,

15 Defendant.

No. 12-CV-5750-RBL

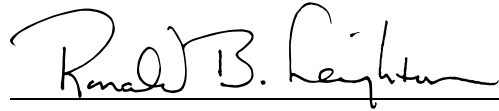
ORDER

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17 Plaintiff has applied to proceed *in forma pauperis*. A district court may permit indigent  
18 litigants to proceed *in forma pauperis* upon completion of a proper affidavit of indigency. *See*  
19 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). The court has broad discretion in resolving the application, but “the  
20 privilege of proceeding *in forma pauperis* in civil actions for damages should be sparingly  
21 granted.” *Weller v. Dickson*, 314 F.2d 598, 600 (9th Cir. 1963), *cert. denied* 375 U.S. 845  
22 (1963). Moreover, a court should “deny leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* at the outset if it  
23 appears from the face of the proposed complaint that the action is frivolous or without merit.”  
24 *Tripati v. First Nat’l Bank & Trust*, 821 F.2d 1368, 1369 (9th Cir. 1987) (citations omitted); *see*  
25 *also* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2)(B)(i). An *in forma pauperis* complaint is frivolous if “it ha[s] no  
26 arguable substance in law or fact.” *Id.* (citing *Rizzo v. Dawson*, 778 F.2d 527, 529 (9th Cir.  
27 1985); *Franklin v. Murphy*, 745 F.2d 1221, 1228 (9th Cir. 1984).  
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1 Plaintiff has shown grounds to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The motion is **GRANTED**.

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3 Dated this 6th day of September 2012.

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6 Ronald B. Leighton  
7 United States District Judge  
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