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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON AT TACOMA

THOMAS W.S. RICHEY,

Petitioner,

No. C13-5231 BHS/KLS ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

MIKE OBENLAND,

v.

Respondent.

This case has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and Local MJR 3 and 4. This matter comes before the Court on Petitioner's filing of an application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (IFP) and proposed petition for writ of habeas corpus. ECF No. 1. In his IFP application, Petitioner states that he has "no money on my account. Zero." *Id.*, p. 2. However, he states that he received \$1,450.00 in settlement funds within the last twelve months and an attached trust account statement dated March 8, 2013 shows that he has average monthly receipts of \$359.21 and an average monthly spendable balance of \$116.68. The filing fee for a habeas petition is \$5.00. Based on the information provided by Petitioner, the Court is unable to determine whether he should be granted IFP.

Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

(1) Petitioner shall show cause why his IFP application should not be denied on orbefore April 19, 2013. Alternatively, Petitioner may pay the \$5.00 filing fee before that date.

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Failure to show cause or pay the amount shall be deemed a failure to properly prosecute this matter and the Court will recommend dismissal of this matter. (2) The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Petitioner DATED 29th day of March, 2012. Atombom Karen L. Strombom United States Magistrate Judge ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE - 2