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

10 TROY E BELCHER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MARK STRONG, et al,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. 3:17-CV-05137-RBL-DWC

ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION
TO PROCEED IN FORMA
PAUPERIS

15 The Court, having reviewed plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*, does
16 hereby find and ORDER.

17 Plaintiff's declaration indicates that he is unable to afford the Court's filing fee or give
18 security therefore. Accordingly, plaintiff's application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Dkt. 1) is
19 GRANTED. Plaintiff is not a prisoner within the meaning of the Prison Litigation Reform Act.
20 The portion of the act requiring a prisoner to pay the filing fee in installments does not apply to
21 plaintiff. Plaintiff does not appear to have funds available to afford the \$400.00 filing fee.
22 Plaintiff shall note that leave to proceed as a pauper does not necessarily entitle plaintiff to a
23 waiver of any other cost(s) of litigation.
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1 The Clerk is directed to mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

2 Dated this 21st day of February, 2017.

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5 David W. Christel
6 United States Magistrate Judge
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