FELTON v. POLLARD et al

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN STANLEY FELTON, Plaintiff, ORDER v. 08-cv-227-slc PETER ERICKSEN, CAPT. BRANT, LIZ LEMERY and LT. LAMBRECHT, Defendants.

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Judgment was entered in this case on April 29, 2009, granting defendants' motion for summary judgment and closing this case. Now plaintiff has filed a notice of appeal that was postmarked May 28, 2009, but was not received in this court until June 4, 2009. Because the notice is not accompanied by the \$455 fee for filing his appeal, I construe plaintiff's notice to include a request for leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis.

Plaintiff's request for leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> on appeal is governed by the 1996 Prison Litigation Reform Act. This means that this court must determine first whether plaintiff's request must be denied either because he has three strikes against him under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) or because the appeal is not taken in good faith. Plaintiff does not have

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three strikes against him, and I do not intend to certify that his appeal is not taken in good

faith.

The only other hurdle to plaintiff's proceeding with his appeal in forma pauperis is

the requirement that he make an initial partial payment of the filing fee that has been

calculated from a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for the six-month period

immediately preceding the filing of his notice of appeal. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Plaintiff

has not submitted the necessary trust fund account statement. Until he does so, I cannot

determine whether he is indigent and, if he is, the amount of his initial partial payment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff may have until June 26, 2009, in which

to submit a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for the six-month period

beginning approximately December 4, 2008 to approximately June 4, 2009. If, by June 26,

2009, plaintiff fails to submit the required trust account statement or show cause for his

failure to do so, then I will deny his request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on the

ground that he has failed to show that he is entitled to indigent status on appeal.

Entered this 5th day of June, 2009.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge

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