IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

MAURICE A. JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

13-cv-309-wmc

DR. KAREN LARSON-SMITH, DR. FRODIN,

DR. NICHOLAS BUHR, DR. HARRIS,

DR. DAWN LAURENT, DR. HAHLIA SULIENE,

and KAREN ANDERSON,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Maurice Johnson, a prisoner at the Columbia Correctional Institution in Portage, Wisconsin has submitted a proposed complaint under 42 U.S.C. 1983. He asks for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Because plaintiff is a prisoner, he is subject to the 1996 Prisoner Litigation Reform Act. This means that before this court may decide whether he can proceed with his complaint *in forma pauperis*, plaintiff will have to make an initial partial payment of the filing fee.

In determining whether a prisoner litigant qualifies for indigent status this court applies the formula set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). According to this formula, a prisoner requesting leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* must prepay 20% of the greater of the average monthly balance or the average monthly deposits made to his prison account in the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint.

In this case, 20% of plaintiff's average monthly deposits is \$3.00, but 20% of the average monthly balance made to plaintiff's account is \$46.75. Because the greater of the two amounts is 20% of the average monthly balance, or \$46.75, that is the amount plaintiff will be assessed as an initial partial payment of the filing fee. If plaintiff does not have the money to make the

initial partial payment in his regular account, he will have to arrange with prison authorities to

pay some or all of the assessment from his release account. This does not mean that plaintiff

is free to ask prison authorities to pay all of his filing fee from his release account. The only

amount plaintiff must pay at this time is the \$46.75 initial partial payment. Before prison

officials take any portion of that amount from plaintiff's release account, they may first take

from plaintiff's regular account whatever amount up to the full amount plaintiff owes. Plaintiff

should show a copy of this order to prison officials to insure that they are aware they should

send plaintiff's initial partial payment to this court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Maurice Johnson is assessed \$46.75 as an initial partial

payment of the \$350 fee for filing this case. He is to submit a check or money order made

payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$46.75 on or before May 31, 2013. If, by May

31, 2013, plaintiff fails to make the initial partial payment or show cause for his failure to do

so, he will be held to have withdrawn this action voluntarily. In that event, the clerk of court

is directed to close this file without prejudice to plaintiff's filing his case at a later date.

Entered this 8th day of May, 2013.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

PETER OPPENEER

Magistrate Judge

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