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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

Arnold James Begay,
Plaintiff,

No. CV 12-1948-PHX-PGR (BSB)

vs.

ORDER

United States President Barack Hussein
Obama, II,,
Defendant.

I. Procedural History

On September 13, 2012, Plaintiff Arnold James Begay, who is confined in the Federal Correctional Institution-Marianna (FCI-Marianna) in Marianna, Florida, filed an untitled Document that appears to be a *pro se* Complaint. On September 24, 2012, Plaintiff filed an untitled Document regarding the caption and requesting that he be transferred closer to the Court. On October 12, 2012, Plaintiff filed a Letter notifying the Court, among other things, that he was confined in the Nevada Southern Detention Center.

In an October 23, 2012 Order, the Court noted that Plaintiff had not paid the \$350.00 civil action filing fee or filed an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. The Court gave Plaintiff 30 days to pay the fee or file a complete Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. The Clerk of Court mailed the Order to Plaintiff at the Nevada Southern Detention Center.

1 On November 1, 2012, the Order was returned to the Court as undeliverable, with
2 a notation that Plaintiff was “Not [an] NSDC Detainee.”

3 On November 16, 2012, Plaintiff filed another untitled Document requesting that
4 the Court investigate the Defendant. The Document was mailed to the Court in an
5 envelope that lists Plaintiff’s return address as the Federal Correctional Institution-
6 Herlong (FCI-Herlong). On January 7, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Letter requesting that the
7 Court order FCI-Herlong to “replace everything they have thrown away” and to have his
8 “personal property go with [him].”

9 In a January 23, 2013 Order, the Court directed the Clerk of Court to update
10 Plaintiff’s address and send a copy of the October 23rd Order to Plaintiff at FCI-
11 Herlong.. In the Order, the Court also gave Plaintiff 30 days from the date the Order was
12 filed to comply with the October 23rd Order by either paying the filing fee or filing a
13 complete Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*. The Court warned Plaintiff that the
14 Clerk of Court would enter a judgment of dismissal of the action, without prejudice and
15 without further notice to Plaintiff, if he failed to either pay the filing fee or file a complete
16 Application to Proceed within 30 days.

17 On March 18, 2013, the Clerk of Court entered Judgment, dismissing the action
18 because Plaintiff had failed to either pay the filing fee or file an Application to Proceed
19 within 30 days of the January 23rd Order.

20 On March 20, 2013, Plaintiff filed a Motion for Extension of Time to Proceed *In*
21 *Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 12) and an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 11).

22 **II. Prison Mailbox Rule**

23 Under the “prison mailbox rule,” a document is deemed “filed” when delivered by
24 the prisoner to a prison official for mailing. *See Houston v. Lack*, 487 U.S. 266, 276
25 (1988); *Douglas v. Noelle*, 567 F.3d 1103, 1107 (9th Cir. 2009). Plaintiff’s Motion for
26 Extension of Time was signed on March 14, 2013, and the Certificate of Correctional
27 Official as to Status of Applicant’s Trust Account Statement in the Application to
28 Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* was signed on March 15, 2013. It appears, therefore, that the

1 two documents were delivered to a prison official for mailing before the Clerk of Court
2 entered Judgment. Thus, the Court will vacate the Judgment.

3 **III. Motion for Extension of Time**

4 In his Motion for Extension to Time, Plaintiff seeks an extension of time to file his
5 Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, claiming that he did not receive either of the
6 Court's Orders until he arrived at FCI-Marianna on March 13, 2013. The Court, in its
7 discretion, will grant the Motion for Extension of Time and will consider the March 20,
8 2013 Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* to be timely filed.

9 **IV. Payment of Filing Fee**

10 When bringing an action, a prisoner must either pay the \$350.00 filing fee in a
11 lump sum or, if granted the privilege of proceeding *in forma pauperis*, pay the fee
12 incrementally as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). An application to proceed *in forma*
13 *pauperis* requires an affidavit of indigence and a *certified* copy of the inmate's trust
14 account statement for the six months preceding the filing of the Complaint. 28 U.S.C.
15 § 1915(a)(2). An inmate must submit statements from each institution where the inmate
16 was confined during the six-month period. *Id.* To assist prisoners in meeting these
17 requirements, the Court requires use of a form application. LRCiv 3.4.

18 If a prisoner is granted leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*, the Court will assess an
19 initial partial filing fee of 20% of either the average monthly deposits or the average
20 monthly balance in Plaintiff's account, whichever is greater. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). An
21 initial partial filing fee will only be collected when funds exist. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(4).
22 The balance of the fee will be collected in monthly payments of 20% of the preceding
23 month's income credited to an inmate's account, each time the amount in the account
24 exceeds \$10.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2).

25 **V. Application Fails to Comply With Statute**

26 Plaintiff has used the court-approved form, but has left blank the "Consent to
27 Collection of Fees from Trust Account" section. This part of the *in forma pauperis*
28 application must be filled out, signed, and dated. In addition, Plaintiff has not submitted

1 a certified six-month trust account statement. In light of these deficiencies, the Court will
2 deny the Application to Proceed and will give Plaintiff 30 days to either pay the \$350.00
3 filing fee or file a complete Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*.

4 **VI. Warnings**

5 **A. Address Changes**

6 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with
7 Rule 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion
8 for other relief with a notice of change of address. **Plaintiff must file a Notice of**
9 **Change of Address, not simply place his current address on a pleading. Failure to**
10 **comply may result in dismissal of this action.**

11 **B. Copies**

12 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. *See*
13 *LRCiv 5.4*. Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further
14 notice to Plaintiff.

15 **C. Possible Dismissal**

16 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including
17 these warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. *See Ferdik v.*
18 *Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (a district court may dismiss an action
19 for failure to comply with any order of the Court).

20 **IT IS ORDERED:**

21 (1) The March 18, 2013 Judgment (Doc. 10) is **vacated**. The Clerk of Court
22 must **reopen** this case.

23 (2) Plaintiff's Motion for Extension to Time to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*
24 (Doc. 12) is **granted**. The March 20, 2013 Application to Proceed is deemed timely
25 filed.

26 (3) Plaintiff's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 11) is **denied**
27 **without prejudice**.

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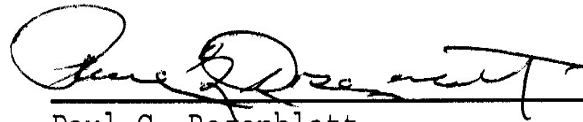
(4) Within 30 days of the date this Order is filed, Plaintiff must either pay the \$350.00 filing fee **or** file a complete Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* and a certified six-month trust account statement.

(5) If Plaintiff fails to either pay the \$350.00 filing fee or file a complete Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* within 30 days, the Clerk of Court must enter a judgment of dismissal of this action without prejudice and without further notice to Plaintiff.

(6) The Clerk of the Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Non-Habeas).

(7) The Clerk of Court must **update** the docket to reflect that Plaintiff is currently confined in the Federal Correctional Institution-Marianna.

Dated this 2nd day of May, 2013.



Paul G. Rosenblatt
United States District Judge

**Instructions for Prisoners Applying for Leave to Proceed *in Forma Pauperis*
Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 in a Civil Action (Non-habeas) in Federal Court**

You must pay the full filing fee of \$350.00 for a civil action. If you later file an appeal, you will be obligated to pay the \$455.00 filing fee for the appeal.

If you have enough money to pay the full filing fee, you should send a cashier's check or money order payable to the Clerk of the Court with your complaint, petition, or notice of appeal.

If you do not have enough money to pay the full filing fee, you can file the action without prepaying the filing fee. However, the court will assess an initial partial filing fee. The initial partial filing fee will be the greater of 20% of the average monthly deposits or 20% of the average monthly balance in your prison or jail account for the six months immediately preceding the filing of the lawsuit. The court will order the agency that has custody of you to withdraw the initial partial filing fee from your prison or jail account as soon as funds are available and to forward the money to the court.

After the initial partial filing fee has been paid, you will owe the balance of the filing fee. Until the filing fee is paid in full, each month you will owe 20% of your preceding month's income. The agency that holds you in custody will collect that money and forward it to the court any time the amount in your account exceeds \$10.00. The balance of the filing fee may be collected even if the action is later dismissed, summary judgment is granted against you, or you fail to prevail at trial.

To file an action without prepaying the filing fee, and to proceed with an action *in forma pauperis*, you must complete the attached form and return it to the court with your complaint. You must have a prison or jail official complete the certificate on the bottom of the form and attach a certified copy of your prison or jail account statement for the last six months. If you were incarcerated in a different institution during any part of the past six months, you must attach a certificate and a certified copy of your account statement from each institution at which you were confined. If you submit an incomplete form or do not submit a prison or jail account statement with the form, your request to proceed *in forma pauperis* will be denied.

Even if some or all of the filing fee has been paid, the court is required to dismiss your action if: (1) your allegation of poverty is untrue; (2) the action is frivolous or malicious; (3) your complaint does not state a claim upon which relief can be granted; or (4) your complaint makes a claim against a defendant for money damages and that defendant is immune from liability for money damages.

If you file more than three actions or appeals which are dismissed as frivolous or malicious or for failure to state a claim on which relief can be granted, you will be prohibited from filing any other action *in forma pauperis* unless you are in imminent danger of serious physical injury.

Name and Prisoner/Booking Number

Place of Confinement

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

_____)	CASE NO. _____
Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	APPLICATION TO PROCEED
)	<i>IN FORMA PAUPERIS</i>
_____)	BY A PRISONER
Defendant(s).)	CIVIL (NON-HABEAS)
_____)	

I, _____, declare, in support of my request to proceed in the above entitled case without prepayment of fees under 28 U.S.C. § 1915, that I am unable to pay the fees for these proceedings or to give security therefor and that I believe I am entitled to relief.

In support of this application, I answer the following questions under penalty of perjury:

- Have you ever before brought an action or appeal in a federal court while you were incarcerated or detained? Yes No If "Yes," how many have you filed? _____.
Were any of the actions or appeals dismissed because they were frivolous, malicious, or failed to state a claim upon which relief may be granted? Yes No If "Yes," how many of them? _____.
- Are you currently employed at the institution where you are confined? Yes No
If "Yes," state the amount of your pay and where you work. _____

- Do you receive any other payments from the institution where you are confined? Yes No
If "Yes," state the source and amount of the payments. _____

4. Do you have any other sources of income, savings, or assets either inside or outside of the institution where you are confined? Yes No

If "Yes," state the sources and amounts of the income, savings, or assets. _____

I declare under penalty of perjury that the above information is true and correct.

DATE SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

CONSENT TO COLLECTION OF FEES FROM TRUST ACCOUNT

I, _____, hereby consent to having the designated correctional officials at this institution release to the Court my trust account information. I further consent to having the designated correctional officials at this institution withdraw from my trust account the funds required to comply with the order of this Court for the payment of filing fees in accordance with 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b).

My consent includes withdrawal from my account by correctional officials of partial initial payments to this Court equal to 20% of the greater of:

- (A) the average monthly deposits to my account for the six-month period preceding my filing of this action, or
- (B) the average monthly balance in my account for the six-month period preceding my filing of this action.

My consent also includes monthly withdrawals from my account by correctional officials of an amount equal to 20% of each month's income. Whenever the amount in my account reaches \$10.00, correctional officials will withdraw that amount and forward it to the Court until the required filing fee is paid in full. I understand that I am liable for paying the entire fee, even if my case is dismissed by the Court before the fee is fully paid.

DATE SIGNATURE OF APPLICANT

CERTIFICATE OF CORRECTIONAL OFFICIAL
AS TO STATUS OF APPLICANT'S TRUST ACCOUNT

I, _____, certify that as of the date applicant signed this application:
(Printed name of official)

The applicant's trust account balance at this institution is: \$ _____
The applicant's average monthly deposits during the prior six months is: \$ _____
The applicant's average monthly balance during the prior six months is: \$ _____
The attached certified account statement accurately reflects the status of the applicant's account.

DATE AUTHORIZED SIGNATURE TITLE/ID NUMBER INSTITUTION