

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Haapaniemi v. Warden, FCI Mendota Prison

Haapaniemi · No. 1:23-cv-00306-GSA (PC) · Decided March 2, 2023

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California grants Bjorn Erik Haapaniemi's application to proceed in forma pauperis in his action against the Warden of FCI Mendota and others. The court directs FCI Mendota to collect and remit monthly payments toward the \$350 statutory filing fee under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 and orders service of the order and related documents.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 BJORN ERIK HAAPANIEMI, 1:23-cv-00306-GSA (PC) 12 Plaintiff,
ORDER GRANTING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS 13 v. and ORDER
DIRECTING PAYMENT 14 WARDEN, FCI MENDOTA PRISON, et OF INMATE FILING FEE
BY FCI MENDOTA al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 18 Plaintiff is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se
pursuant to 403 U.S. 388 (1971) and has 19 requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant
to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

Plaintiff has made 20 the showing required by § 1915(a) and accordingly, the request to proceed in
forma pauperis will 21 be granted. Plaintiff is obligated to pay the statutory filing fee of \$350.00
for this action. 28 22 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(1). Plaintiff is obligated to make monthly payments in the
amount of twenty 23 percent of the preceding month's income credited to plaintiff's trust account.

FCI Mendota is 24 required to send to the Clerk of the Court payments from plaintiff's account
each time the amount 25 in the account exceeds \$10.00, until the statutory filing fee is paid in full.
28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2). 26 In accordance with the above and good cause appearing therefore, IT
IS HEREBY 27 ORDERED that: 28 1. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis is
GRANTED; 1 2.

The Warden of FCI Mendota or his/her designee shall collect payments from 2 plaintiff's prison
trust account in an amount equal to twenty per cent (20%) of 3 the preceding month's income
credited to the prisoner's trust account and shall 4 forward those payments to the Clerk of the
Court each time the amount in the 5 account exceeds \$10.00, in accordance with 28 U.S.C. §
1915(b)(2), until a total of 6 \$350.00 has been collected and forwarded to the Clerk of the Court.

The 7 payments shall be clearly identified by the name and number assigned to this 8 action. 9 3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order and a copy of plaintiff's 10 in forma pauperis application on the Warden of FCI Mendota, at P.O. Box 39, 11 Mendota, CA 93640. 12 4.

The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Financial 13 Department, U.S. District Court, Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division. 14 5. Within thirty (60) days of the date of service of this order, plaintiff shall submit a 15 certified copy of his/her prison trust account statement for the six-month period 16 immediately preceding the filing of the complaint, if plaintiff has not already done so.

17 IT IS SO ORDERED. 18 19 Dated: March 2, 2023 /s/ Gary S. Austin UNITED STATES
MAGISTRATE JUDGE 20 21 22 23 24 25 26 27 28