

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Glen Pickett v. Trooper Quanzell Lambert, et al.

Pickett · No. No. 25-18308 (KMW-MSJS) · Decided March 10, 2026

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the District of New Jersey denies Glen Pickett’s application to proceed in forma pauperis under 28 U.S.C. § 1915. The court finds that Plaintiff’s monthly expenses do not exceed his monthly income and therefore concludes that he has not shown an inability to pay the costs of litigation. The order directs the Clerk to close the file and permits reopening upon payment of the \$405 filing fee within 14 days.

OPINION

PICKETT

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

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! HONORABLE KAREN M, WILLIAMS

GLEN PICKETT,

Plaintiff, Civil Action

No. 25-18308 (KMW-MSJS)

TROOPER QUANZELL LAMBERT. ef al,

| MEMORANDUM OPINION AND

Defendants, ! ORDER THIS MATTER comes before the Court by way of pro se Plaintiff Glen Pickett’s (“Plaintiff”) Application to Proceed in District Court Without Prepaying Fees or Costs (“IFP Application”) (ECF No. 2) pursuant to 28 U.S.C, § 1915(a){1}; and THE COURT NOTING that, having reviewed Plaintiff’s IFP Application (ECF No. 2), Plaintiff declares that he has a monthly income of \$2,071.00 from Disability and Public Assistance, and has approximately \$1,356.58 in expenses per month. (FP Application {ff 1, 8). Plaintiff asserts that he has \$60 in his checking account and a motor vehicle valued at \$22,000. (IFP Application 4-5). Plaintiff asserts that he does not have a spouse to contribute income or share in expenses, and he does not have any dependents. Id. WHEREAS, the Third Circuit has held that an application to proceed without paying filing fees is “based on a showing of indigence,” *Douris v. Newtown Borough, Inc.*, 207 F. App’x 242, 243 (3d Cir. 2006) (citation omitted); and WHEREAS the Court notes that although a person “need not be absolutely destitute to proceed in forma pauperis,” Plaintiff must nonetheless, “establish that [she] is unable to pay the costs of [his] suit,” *Hurst vy. Shalk*, 659 F. App’x 133,

134 (3d Cir. 2016); and THE COURT FINDING that because Plaintiffs monthly expenses do not exceed his monthly income, Plaintiff has failed to demonstrate that he cannot pay the costs of litigation, and thus the Court DENIES the IFP Application. IT IS HEREBY on this “day of March, 2026, ORDERED A. Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1915 (ECF No. 1-2) is hereby DENIED. B. The clerk is ordered to close the file. Plaintiff may submit payment in the amount of \$405 to reopen the case without further action from the court. C. Failure to submit payment within 14 days from the date of this order may result in this case being terminated. D. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this Order upon Plaintiff by regular U.S. mail. 5 Sen

UXAREN M. WILLIAMS

United States District Judge