

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF
MICHIGAN, NORTHERN DIVISION**

Carlos Andres Sanchez v. James Corrigan

Sanchez · No. 2:25-cv-268 · Decided December 23, 2025

OPINION

Corrigan

PER CURIAM.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
NORTHERN DIVISION

CARLOS ANDRES SANCHEZ,

Petitioner, Case No. 2:25-cv-268 v. Honorable Ray Kent

JAMES CORRIGAN,

Respondent. _____/

ORDER DENYING APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

This is a habeas corpus action brought by a state prisoner under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has consented to the conduct of all proceedings, including entry of final judgment, by a United States magistrate judge. (ECF No. 8.) Petitioner has requested leave of court to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2) under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(1) and has filed an affidavit of indigence. The filing fee for a habeas corpus action is \$5.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1914(a). The Court should only grant leave to proceed in forma pauperis when it reasonably appears that paying the cost of this filing fee would impose an undue financial hardship. *Prows v. Kastner*, 842 F.2d 138, 140 (5th Cir. 1988). It is not unreasonable to require a prisoner to devote a small portion of his discretionary funds to defray a fraction of the costs of his litigation. See *Lumbert v. Ill. Dep't of Corr.*, 827 F.2d 257, 267 (7th Cir. 1987). Petitioner has filed a trust account statement, which shows that over the past six months Petitioner has had an average monthly deposit of \$334.02. At the time of filing his petition, Petitioner had a spendable balance of \$710.16. Petitioner's financial documents indicate that he has sufficient resources to pay the \$5.00 filing fee. Therefore, Petitioner is not entitled to proceed in forma pauperis in this action. Petitioner has 28 days from the date of entry of this order to pay the \$5.00 filing fee. If Petitioner fails to pay the filing fee within the 28-day period, his case will be dismissed without prejudice. Accordingly: IT IS ORDERED that Petitioner's application for leave to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2) is DENIED. IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that within 28 days hereof, Petitioner shall pay the \$5.00 filing fee to the Clerk of this Court. Petitioner's failure to comply with this order will result in dismissal of this case without prejudice.

Dated: December 23, 2025 /s/ Ray Kent Ray Kent United States Magistrate Judge SEND REMITTANCES TO THE FOLLOWING ADDRESS: Clerk, U.S. District Court 399 Federal Bldg. 110 Michigan St., N.W. Grand Rapids, MI 49503 All checks or other forms of payment shall be payable to "Clerk, U.S. District Court" and must indicate the case number in which the payment is made.

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