

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

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BERNARD TAINTER,

Petitioner,

v.

STATE OF WISCONSIN DEPARTMENT  
OF HEALTH AND FAMILY SERVICES; STEVE  
WATTERS, SRSTC Director; and  
MICHAEL DITTMAN, SRSTC Security Director,

Respondents.  
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ORDER

02-C-540-C

Petitioner Bernard Tainter, a patient at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center in Mauston, Wisconsin, has requested leave to proceed in forma pauperis in this action in which he contends that his First Amendment right to practice his religion is being impeded by policies in place at the Sand Ridge Secure Treatment Center. He has submitted a trust fund account statement as requested in this court's order of October 11, 2002, so that I can determine what amount of the \$150 filing fee petitioner is able to prepay. From the trust fund account statement I find that petitioner is financially able to prepay \$11.87 of the \$150 fee for filing his complaint. Petitioner already has paid \$5 of this amount.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that petitioner's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED, with the condition that he prepay another \$6.87 toward his filing fee. Also petitioner is to complete the enclosed Marshals Service and Summons forms and return them to the court so that his

complaint can be served on the defendants. Petitioner may have until November 25, 2002, in which to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$6.87 and to complete and return the requested forms. If, by November 25, 2002, petitioner fails to submit the required prepayment and completed forms, I will dismiss this case for petitioner's failure to prosecute it.

Entered this 4<sup>th</sup> day of November, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB  
District Judge