

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

MICHAEL HILL,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

04-C-732-C

GARY THALACKER, GREGORY
GOODHUE, MICHAEL BARTKNECHT,
TERRY CARD and JOHN SHOOK,

Defendants.

As directed in this court's order of January 26, 2006, plaintiff Michael Hill has submitted a certified copy of his trust fund account statement so that a determination may be made whether he is indigent for the purpose of proceeding on appeal in forma pauperis and if he is, what amount must be assessed under the 1996 Prison Litigation Reform Act as an initial partial payment of the fee for filing his appeal. (In the January 26 order, I found that plaintiff's appeal is not taken in bad faith and that he is not barred by the three strikes provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) from proceeding with his appeal in forma pauperis.)

From plaintiff's trust fund account statement, I conclude that he qualifies for indigent status. Further, I assess plaintiff an initial partial payment of the \$255 fee for filing

his appeal in the amount of \$45.46.

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Michael Hill's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis on appeal is GRANTED. Plaintiff may have until March 16, 2006, in which to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$45.46. If, by March 16, 2006, plaintiff fails to pay the initial partial payment or explain his failure to do so, then I will advise the court of appeals of his noncompliance in paying the assessment so that it may take whatever steps it deems appropriate with respect to this appeal.

Entered this 23rd day of February, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge