

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

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FREDERICK E. HOFER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MICHAEL J. ASTRUE,  
Commissioner of Social Security,

Defendant.

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ORDER

3:08-cv-321-bbc

Plaintiff Frederick E. Hofer has filed a civil suit pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 405(g) for review of a final decision of the Commissioner of Social Security denying his application for social security disability benefits. Plaintiff seeks to commence this lawsuit without prepayment of the filing fees and costs or providing security therefor, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

From the affidavit of indigency petitioner has submitted, I find that he is unable to prepay the fees and costs of commencing this action or to give security therefor. Accordingly,

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that Frederick E. Hofer's petition for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* is GRANTED.

Entered this 4<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge