IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

JAMES R. TURNER,

Plaintiff,

ORDER

v.

12-cv-699-bbc

GARY HAMBLIN, MICHAEL MEISNER, CHARLES COLE, CHARLES FACKTOR, JOANNE LANE, TIM DOUMA, DIANA KIESLING, MARK TESLIK and LEO CAMPBELL,

Defendants.

Judgment was entered in this case on January 21, 2014, granting defendants' motion for summary judgment and closing this case. Now plaintiff has filed a notice of appeal. Because the notice is not accompanied by the \$505 fee for filing his appeal, I construe plaintiff's notice as including a request for leave to proceed on appeal in forma pauperis.

Plaintiff's request is governed by the 1996 Prison Litigation Reform Act. This means that this court must determine first whether plaintiff's request must be denied either because he has three strikes against him under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) or because the appeal is not taken in good faith. Plaintiff does not have three strikes against him, and I do not intend to certify that his appeal is not taken in good faith.

The only other hurdle to plaintiff's proceeding with his appeal in forma pauperis is

the requirement that he make an initial partial payment of the filing fee that has been calculated from a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for the six-month period immediately preceding the filing of his notice of appeal. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2). Plaintiff has not submitted the necessary trust fund account statement. Until he does so, I cannot determine whether he is indigent and, if he is, the amount of his initial partial payment.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff may have until March 26, 2014, in which to submit a certified copy of his trust fund account statement for the six-month period beginning approximately August 20, 2013 to approximately February 20, 2014. If, by March 26, 2014, plaintiff fails to submit the required trust account statement or show cause for his failure to do so, then I will deny his request for leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u> on the ground that he has failed to show that he is entitled to indigent status on appeal.

Entered this 6th day of March, 2014.

BY THE COURT: /s/ BARBARA B. CRABB District Judge