

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

MICHAEL L. WHITEHEAD

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

02-C-700-C

GARY McCAUGHTRY, JON E. LITSCHER,
JOHN D. ASHCROFT, KATHLEEN
HAWK SAWYER,

Respondents.

Petitioner Michael L. Whitehead, a prisoner at the Waupun Correctional Institution in Waupun, Wisconsin, has submitted a proposed complaint. He asks for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. Because petitioner is a prisoner, he is subject to the 1996 Prisoner Litigation Reform Act. This means that before this court may decide whether he can proceed with his complaint in forma pauperis, petitioner will have to pay an initial partial payment of the filing fee in the amount of \$12.72 and the remainder of the fee in monthly installments even if his request for leave to proceed is denied. If petitioner does not have the money to pay the initial partial payment in his regular account, he will have to arrange with prison authorities to pay some or all of the assessment from his release account. This does not mean that petitioner is free to ask prison authorities to pay *all* of his filing fee from

his release account. The only amount petitioner must pay at this time is the \$12.72 initial partial payment. Before they take any portion of that amount from petitioner's release account, prison officials may first take whatever amount up to the full amount petitioner owes from his regular account.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner is assessed \$12.72 as an initial partial payment of the \$150 fee for filing this case. He is to submit a check or money order made payable to the clerk of court in the amount of \$12.72 on or before January 19, 2003. If, by January 19, 2003, petitioner fails to pay the initial partial payment or show cause for his failure to do so, I will assume that he wishes to withdraw this action voluntarily and the clerk of court is directed to close this file without prejudice to petitioner's filing his case at a later date.

Entered this 30th day of December, 2002.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge