IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

GEORGE SWEETSIR a/k/a GEORGE COOPER,

Petitioner,

V.

ORDER 06-C-541-S

BLUE DOT MEDICAL and MERITS HEALTH PRODUCTS,

Respondents.

Petitioner requests leave to proceed <u>in forma pauperis</u>.

Attached to his affidavit of indigency is a proposed complaint.

Petitioner alleges that a power wheelchair he bought from respondents, Blue Dot Medical and Merits Health Products, was defective and negligently designed. He seeks ten million dollars in damages and a new power wheelchair.

Petitioner may be able to prove a set of facts that support jurisdiction in this Court under 28 U.S.C. § 1332. He alleges that the action is between citizens of different states and that the amount in controversy is greater than \$75,000.00. Accordingly, he will be allowed to proceed in forma pauperis on his claims in this Court.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that petitioner's request to proceed <u>in forma</u>
pauperis is GRANTED.

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The summons and complaint will be delivered to the United States Marshal for service on Blue Dot Medical, Inc. at 307 W. Tremont Avenue, Charlotte, North Carolina, 28207 and Merits Health Products, 13391 Gateway Dr. #117, Fort Meyers Florida, 33919.

Entered this 28th day of September, 2006.

BY THE COURT:

_____S/ JOHN C. SHABAZ District Judge