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

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IN THE ESTATE OF MARGUARITE WISNIEWSKI and SALY ANN WISNIEWSKI aka ANN AUSTIN,

ORDER

Plaintiffs,

12-cv-662-slc

DISTRICT ATTORNEY and COUNTY OF COLUMBIA WI, PARDEEVILLE WI,

v.

Defendants.

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Plaintiff Saly Wisniewski has filed a proposed complaint. She asks for leave to proceed *in forma pauperis* and has supported her request with an affidavit of indigency. The standard for determining whether plaintiff qualifies for indigent status is the following:

- From plaintiff's annual gross income, the court subtracts \$3700 for each dependent excluding the plaintiff.
- If the balance is less than \$16,000, the plaintiff may proceed without any prepayment of fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$16,000 but less than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay half the fees and costs.
- If the balance is greater than \$32,000, the plaintiff must prepay all fees and costs.
- Substantial assets or debts require individual consideration.

In this case, plaintiff's monthly income is \$1039 which makes her annual income \$12,468. She has no dependents and no substantial assets. Because plaintiff's income is less than \$16,000, she can proceed without any prepayment of fees or costs.

Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff's complaint is taken under advisement. As

soon as the court's calendar permits, plaintiff's complaint will be screened pursuant to 28 U.S.C.

§ 1915 to determine whether the case must be dismissed either because the complaint is

frivolous or malicious, fails to state a claim on which relief may be granted or seeks monetary

relief against a defendant who is immune from such relief. Plaintiff will be notified promptly

when such a decision has been made. In the meantime, if plaintiff needs to communicate with

the court about this case, she should be sure to write the case number shown above on her

communication.

Entered this 17<sup>th</sup> day of September, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER

Magistrate Judge

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