UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KENNETH DWAYNE MARLOW,

Plaintiff,

v.

COMMISSIONER OF SOCIAL SECURITY,

Defendant.

No. 2:26–cv–00162–SCR

ORDER GRANTING IFP AND DIRECTING E-SERVICE

Pending before the court is Plaintiff's motion for leave to proceed in forma pauperis. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915 (authorizing the commencement of an action "without prepayment of fees or security" by a person that is unable to pay such fees).[1] ECF No. 2. Plaintiff submitted a declaration, including a statement of income, expenses, and assets and averring inability to pay the costs of this proceeding. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. Plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 2) is GRANTED;

2. The Clerk of Court is directed to issue a summons for this case;

3. In keeping with the court's e-service procedure for Social Security cases, service on the defendant Commissioner of Social Security Administration shall proceed

[1] Actions involving review of Social Security decisions are referred to a magistrate judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1) and E.D. Cal. L.R. 302(c)(15).

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under the court's E-Service program as follows. Once a summons is issued, the Clerk of Court shall deliver to the Commissioner of Social Security Administration and the United States Attorney's Office at their designated email addresses a notice of electronic filing of the action along with the summons and complaint. The Commissioner has agreed not to raise a defense of insufficient service of process if provided with notice of a complaint as detailed in this order. This order is not intended to prevent parties from making any other motions that are appropriate under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure; and

4. The Clerk of Court is DIRECTED to issue a scheduling order in this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: February 2, 2026.

SEAN C. RIORDAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE