UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF KANSAS

JACOB DUNHAM, Plaintiff, v. SECRET SERVICE, Defendant.	Case No. 26-1274-JWB-BGS

MEMORANDUM AND ORDER GRANTING
MOTION TO PROCEED WITHOUT PREPAYMENT OF FEES

This matter comes before the Court on Plaintiff Jacob Dunham's Motion to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees (Doc. 3). For the reasons explained below, Plaintiff's in forma pauperis ("IFP") application is **GRANTED**.

Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a), a federal court may authorize commencement of a civil action "without prepayment of fees or security therefor, by a person who submits an affidavit that . . . the person is unable to pay such fees or give security therefor." To succeed on an IFP motion, "the movant must show a financial inability to pay the required filing fees." *Lister v. Dep't of Treasury*, 408 F.3d 1309, 1312 (10th Cir. 2005). Proceeding IFP "in a civil case is a privilege, not a right – fundamental or otherwise." *White v. Colorado*, 157 F.3d 1226, 1233 (10th Cir. 1998). The decision to grant or deny IFP status under § 1915 lies within the district court's sound discretion. *Engberg v. Wyoming*, 265 F.3d 1109, 1122 (10th Cir. 2001).

Plaintiff reports that he is unemployed, has no cash or funds in bank accounts, and owns no real property. Doc. 3-1 at 2–4. He owns a vehicle valued at $3,000 and reports no income from benefits or other sources. *Id.* at 4–5. Based on this financial information, Plaintiff has demonstrated an inability to prepay the filing fee, and the Court grants his motion.

Because the Court is contemporaneously screening the Complaint under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2), the Clerk shall not issue summons or otherwise effect service of process pending further order of the Court.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that Plaintiff's Motion to Proceed Without Prepayment of Fees (Doc. 3) is **GRANTED**. Plaintiff may proceed without prepayment of the filing fee.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk shall not issue summons or otherwise effect service of process pending further order of the Court.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated September 14, 2026, at Wichita, Kansas.

/S/ Brooks Severson
Brooks G. Severson
United States Magistrate Judge