

IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

ORDER

Re: **Kelvin David Moffit v Cooper Street Correctional Facility Warden**

Docket No. **317381**

L.C. No. **13-000477-AH**

Amy Ronayne Krause, Judge, acting under MCR 7.211(E)(2), orders:

The motion to waive fees pursuant to MCR 7.202(4) and MCR 7.206(D)(1)(d) is DENIED because MCL 600.2963 mandates that a prisoner pursuing a civil action be liable for the filing fees. Plaintiff is not required to pay an initial partial fee. MCL 600.2963(7). However, for this complaint to be filed, **plaintiff shall submit a copy of this order and refile the pleadings within 21 days of the certification of this order.** By doing this, plaintiff becomes responsible for paying the \$375 filing fee and may not file another new civil appeal or original action in this Court until such time that either the Department of Corrections remits or plaintiff pays the entire outstanding balance due. MCL 600.2963(8). Failure to comply with this order shall result in the complaint not being filed in this Court and plaintiff not being responsible for paying the filing fee. If plaintiff timely refiles the pleadings, monthly payments shall be made to the Department of Corrections in an amount of 50 percent of the deposits made to plaintiff's account until the payments equal the balance due of **\$375**. This amount shall then be remitted to this Court. Again, plaintiff may not file either a new civil appeal or an original action until plaintiff pays the entire outstanding balance due. MCL 600.2963(8).

Plaintiff's argument that he is entitled to file the present original action without being responsible for a filing fee is rejected. Pursuant to MCL 600.321(1)(a), which includes no exemption for a habeas corpus action, plaintiff is responsible for a \$375 entry fee to proceed with the present action. Further, this order is not contrary to *Smith v Bennett*, 365 US 708; 81 S Ct 895; 6 L Ed 2d 39 (1961), because, while it makes plaintiff potentially responsible for payment of the \$375 entry fee through deductions from future deposits to his prisoner account, it does not require him to pay a filing fee as a precondition to proceeding with this original action.

The Clerk of this Court shall furnish two copies of this order to plaintiff and return plaintiff's pleadings with this order.



A true copy entered and certified by Jerome W. Zimmer Jr., Chief Clerk, on

OCT 25 2013

Date

A handwritten signature in cursive script, reading "Jerome W. Zimmer Jr.", is written over a horizontal line.

Chief Clerk