

IN THE MICHIGAN COURT OF APPEALS

ORDER

Re: **In re Johnston**
Docket No. **316766**
L.C. No. **09-003175-FH**

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. Further, this original action constitutes a civil action under MCR 3.301(A)(1)(a) notwithstanding that it relates to an underlying criminal case. Also, plaintiff's conclusory attack on the constitutionality of MCL 600.2963 is not sufficient to establish a constitutional violation. See, e.g., *Mitchell v Mitchell*, 296 Mich App 513, 524; 823 NW2d 153 (2012). Moreover, plaintiff's request to proceed without providing five copies of pleadings as required by MCR 7.206(D)(1) is DENIED in light of the Department of Corrections policy to loan funds to make necessary copies of items for prisoners where the prisoner cannot otherwise reproduce the items. Department of Corrections Policy Directive 05.03.116 ("Prisoners' Access to the Courts"), p 2, paragraph L.

Within 21 days of the certification of this order, plaintiff shall pay to the Clerk of the Court the initial partial filing fee of **\$25**, shall submit a copy of this order with the payment, **and shall refile the pleadings which are being returned with this order.** If plaintiff timely files the partial fee and refiles the pleadings, plaintiff 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 original complaint not being filed in this Court and plaintiff not being responsible for paying the filing fee. If plaintiff timely files the partial fee and 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 **\$350**. 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).

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 ANGELA F. DISESSA, ACTING CHIEF CLERK, on

JUL 15 2019

Date

Angela P. DiSessa
Acting Chief Clerk