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U.S. COURT OF APPEALS

GREGORY C. BONTEMPS,

Plaintiff-Appellant,

v.

D. HICKS, Sgt.,

Defendant-Appellee.

No. 17-15583

D.C. No. 1:16-cv-01854-EPG

MEMORANDUM*

Appeal from the United States District Court
for the Eastern District of California
Erica P. Grosjean, Magistrate Judge, Presiding

Submitted February 13, 2018**

Before: LEAVY, FERNANDEZ, and MURGUIA, Circuit Judges.

California state prisoner Gregory C. Bontemps appeals pro se from the magistrate judge's order dismissing his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging that he was subjected to an inappropriate unclothed body search. We have jurisdiction under 28 U.S.C. § 1291. We review de novo whether the magistrate judge validly

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** The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See* Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2).

entered judgment on behalf of the district court. *Allen v. Meyer*, 755 F.3d 866, 867-68 (9th Cir. 2014). We vacate and remand.

Bontemps consented to proceed before the magistrate judge. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). The magistrate judge then denied in forma pauperis status on the basis that Bontemps had accrued three strikes and dismissed Bontemps' action for failure to pay the filing fee before the named defendants had been served. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) (prisoner cannot bring a civil action if he has accrued three strikes). Because all parties, including unserved defendants, must consent to proceed before the magistrate judge for jurisdiction to vest, *Williams v. King*, 875 F.3d 500, 503-04 (9th Cir. 2017), we vacate the magistrate judge's order and remand for further proceedings.

Bontemps' second request to proceed in forma pauperis (Docket Entry No. 10) is denied as unnecessary.

VACATED and REMANDED.