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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**

George Alan Myers,

Petitioner,

vs.

Charles L. Ryan, et al.,

Respondents.

) No. CV 10-0595-PHX-MHM (JRI)

) **ORDER**

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Petitioner George Alan Myers, who is confined in the Arizona State Prison Complex, South Unit, in Florence, Arizona , has filed a *pro se* Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. He has paid the \$5.00 filing fee. Petitioner has also filed an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*, which will be denied as moot. The Court will require an answer to the Petition.

I. Petition

Petitioner was convicted pursuant to a plea agreement in Maricopa County Superior Court, case #CR2005-129701, of two counts each of sexual abuse and attempted child molestation, and one count of sexual conduct with a minor and was sentenced to a 20-year term of imprisonment followed by lifetime probation. In his Petition, Petitioner names Charles L. Ryan as Respondent and the Arizona Attorney General as an Additional Respondent.

Petitioner raises three grounds for relief. In Ground I, he alleges that Arizona’s sentencing scheme as applied to him violated his federal constitutional rights. In Ground II,

1 Petitioner alleges violation of his federal due process rights because his sentence is illegal.
2 In Ground III, Petitioner alleges that he received the ineffective assistance of counsel under
3 the Sixth Amendment. The Court will require Respondents to answer the Petition. 28 U.S.C.
4 § 2254(a).

5 **II. Warnings**

6 **A. Address Changes**

7 Petitioner must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule
8 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Petitioner must not include a motion for other
9 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this
10 action.

11 **B. Copies**

12 Petitioner must serve Respondents, or counsel if an appearance has been entered, a
13 copy of every document that he files. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a). Each filing must include a
14 certificate stating that a copy of the filing was served. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d). Also, Petitioner
15 must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. LRCiv 5.4. Failure to
16 comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice to Petitioner.

17 **C. Possible Dismissal**

18 If Petitioner fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these
19 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik v. Bonzelet,
20 963 F.2d 1258, 1260-61 (9th Cir. 1992) (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to
21 comply with any order of the Court).

22 **IT IS ORDERED:**

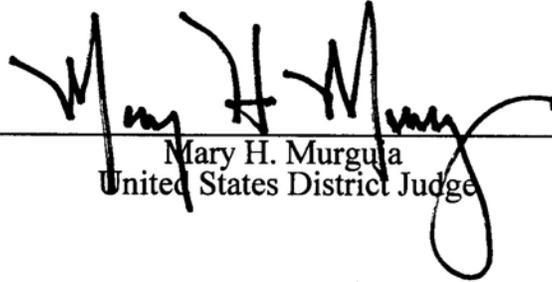
- 23 (1) Petitioner's Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is **denied** as moot.
24 (Doc.# 3.)
25 (2) The Clerk of Court must serve a copy of the Petition (Doc. #1) and this Order
26 on the Respondent and the Attorney General of the State of Arizona by certified mail
27 pursuant to Rule 4, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases.
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1 (3) Respondents must answer the Petition within 40 days of the date of service.
2 Respondents must not file a dispositive motion in place of an answer but may file an answer
3 limited to relevant affirmative defenses, including but not limited to, statute of limitations,
4 procedural bar, or non-retroactivity. If the answer is limited to affirmative defenses, only
5 those portions of the record relevant to those defenses need be attached to the answer.
6 Failure to set forth an affirmative defense in an answer may be treated as a waiver of the
7 defense. Day v. McDonough, 126 S. Ct. 1675, 1684 (2006). If not limited to affirmative
8 defenses, the answer must fully comply with all of the requirements of Rule 5 of the Rules
9 Governing Section 2254 Cases.

10 (4) Petitioner may file a reply within 30 days from the date of service of the
11 answer.

12 (5) This matter is referred to Magistrate Judge Jay R. Irwin pursuant to Rules 72.1
13 and 72.2 of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure for further proceedings and a report and
14 recommendation.

15 DATED this 5th day of April, 2010.

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20 Mary H. Murgula
21 United States District Judge
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