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

George Johnson,
Petitioner,

vs.

Director Charles Ryan, et al.,
Respondents.

No. CV 11-2519-PHX-GMS (DKD)

ORDER

On December 20, 2011, Petitioner George Johnson, who is confined in the Arizona State Prison Complex-Tucson in Tucson, Arizona, filed a *pro se* Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (Doc. 1) and an Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 2). The Court will dismiss the Petition without prejudice.

I. Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis*

Petitioner’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* indicates that his inmate trust account balance is less than \$25.00. Accordingly, the Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* will be granted. See LRCiv 3.5(b).

II. Petition

This is Petitioner’s **third** petition for a writ of habeas corpus challenging his conviction in Maricopa County Superior Court, case #CR-2005-008016-001 DT, for Burglary. On May 4, 2009, Petitioner filed his first petition for a writ of habeas corpus

1 regarding that conviction, Johnson v. Ryan, 09-CV-959-PHX-GMS (DKD). In a May 5,
2 2010 Order (Doc. 17 in 09-CV-959-PHX-GMS (DKD)), the Court dismissed the habeas
3 petition, without prejudice, because Petitioner had a pending state-court petition for post-
4 conviction relief when he filed the habeas petition. The Clerk of Court entered Judgment
5 accordingly (Doc. 18 in 09-CV-959).

6 On May 13, 2010, Petitioner filed his second petition for a writ of habeas corpus
7 regarding the same state-court conviction, Johnson v. Ryan, 10-CV-1052-PHX-GMS (DKD).
8 In a January 25, 2011 Order (Doc. 11 in 10-CV-1052-PHX-GMS (DKD)), the Court denied
9 the petition, and the Clerk of Court entered Judgment accordingly (Doc. 12 in 10-CV-1052).
10 Petitioner appealed (Doc. 13 in 10-CV-1052), but the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals
11 declined to issue a certificate of appealability (Doc. 16 in 10-CV-1052).

12 Under 28 U.S.C. § 2244, a petitioner may not file a second or successive § 2254
13 petition in the district court unless the petitioner has obtained a certification from the Ninth
14 Circuit Court of Appeals authorizing the district court to consider the second or subsequent
15 § 2254 petition. A habeas petition is “‘second or successive’ if it raises claims that were or
16 could have been adjudicated on their merits in an earlier petition.” Cooper v. Calderon, 274
17 F.3d 1270, 1273 (9th Cir. 2001) (*per curiam*). The current petition, therefore, is a second or
18 successive petition.

19 Petitioner has not presented a certification from the Ninth Circuit authorizing the
20 Court to consider a second or subsequent § 2254 petition. Accordingly, the current Petition
21 and this action must be dismissed as a successive petition. The Court, however, will dismiss
22 the case without prejudice so that Petitioner can seek certification from the Ninth Circuit to
23 file a second or successive § 2254 petition.

24 Accordingly,

25 **IT IS ORDERED:**

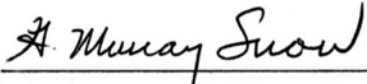
26 (1) Petitioner’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* (Doc. 2) is **granted**.
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1 (2) Petitioner’s Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus (Doc. 1) and this action are
2 **dismissed without prejudice**, and the Clerk of Court must **enter judgment** accordingly.

3 (3) The Clerk of Court must provide Petitioner with a copy of the form
4 recommended by the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals for filing an Application for Leave to
5 File Second or Successive Petition Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or Motion Under 28 U.S.C.
6 § 2255.

7 (4) Pursuant to Rule 11(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, in the event
8 Petitioner files an appeal, the Court declines to issue a certificate of appealability because
9 reasonable jurists would not find the Court’s procedural ruling debatable. See Slack v.
10 McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

11 DATED this 5th day of January, 2012.

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15 G. Murray Snow
16 United States District Judge
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**UNITED STATES COURT of APPEALS
for the NINTH CIRCUIT
95 Seventh Street
San Francisco, California 94103**

Application for Leave to File Second or Successive Petition
Under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or Motion Under 28 U.S.C. § 2255

Docket Number _____
(to be provided by court)

Petitioner's name _____

Prisoner registration number _____

Address _____

Instructions - Read Carefully

- (1) This application, whether handwritten or typewritten, must be legible and signed by the petitioner under penalty of perjury. An original and five (5) copies must be provided to the Clerk of the Ninth Circuit. The application must comply with 9th Circuit Rule 22-3, which is attached to this form.
- (2) All questions must be answered concisely. Add separate sheets if necessary.
- (3) The petitioner **shall** serve a copy of this application and any attachments on respondent and must complete and file a proof of service with this application.
- (4) The petitioner **shall** attach to this application copies of the magistrate judge's report and recommendation and the district court's opinion in any prior federal habeas proceeding under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or § 2255 or state why such documents are unavailable to petitioner.

You Must Answer the Following Questions:

- (1) What conviction(s) are you challenging?

(2) In what court(s) were you convicted of these crime(s)?

(3) What was the date of each of your conviction(s) and what is the length of each sentence?

For questions (4) through (9), provide information separately for each of your previous §§ 2254 or 2255 proceedings. Use additional pages if necessary.

(4) With respect to **each** conviction and sentence, have you ever filed a petition or motion for habeas corpus relief in federal court under **28 U.S.C. § 2254** or **§ 2255**?

Yes **G** No **G**

(a) In which federal district court did you file a petition or motion?

(b) What was the docket number? _____

(c) On what date did you file the petition/motion? _____

(5) What grounds were raised in your previous habeas proceeding?
(list all grounds and issues previously raised in that petition/ motion)

(6) Did the district court hold an evidentiary hearing? Yes **G** No **G**

(7) How did the district court rule on your petition/motion?

G District court **dismissed** petition/motion? If yes, on what grounds?

G District court **denied** petition/motion;

G District court **granted** relief;
if yes, on what claims and what was the relief?

(Attach copies of all reports and orders issued by the district court.)

(8) On what date did the district court decide your petition/motion?

(9) Did you file an appeal from that disposition? Yes **G** No **G**

(a) What was the docket number of your appeal? _____

(b) How did the court of appeals decide your appeal? _____

(10) State concisely each and every ground or issue you wish to raise in your current petition or motion for habeas relief. Summarize briefly the facts supporting each ground or issue.

(11) For each ground raised, was it raised in the state courts? If so, what did the state courts rule and when?

(12) For each ground/issue raised, was this claim raised in any prior federal petition/motion? (list each ground separately)

(13) For each ground/issue raised, does this claim rely on a new rule of constitutional law? (list each ground separately and give case name and citation for each new rule of law)

(14) For each ground/issue raised, does this claim rely on newly discovered evidence? What is the evidence and when did you discover it? Why has this newly discovered evidence not been previously available to you? (list each ground separately)

(15) For each ground/issue raised, does the newly discovered evidence establish your innocence? How?

(16) For each ground/issue raised, does the newly discovered evidence establish a federal constitutional error? Which provision of the Constitution was violated and how?

(17) Provide any other basis for your application not previously stated.

Date: _____

Signature: _____

Proof of Service on Respondent MUST be Attached.