

1 collected monthly in payments of 20% of the previous month's income each time the amount
2 in the account exceeds \$10.00. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(b)(2). The Court will enter a separate
3 Order requiring the appropriate government agency to collect and forward the fees according
4 to the statutory formula.

5 **II. Statutory Screening of Prisoner Complaints**

6 The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against
7 a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C.
8 § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff has raised
9 claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which relief may
10 be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.
11 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2).

12 A pleading must contain a "short and plain statement of the claim *showing* that the
13 pleader is entitled to relief." Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2) (emphasis added). While Rule 8 does not
14 demand detailed factual allegations, "it demands more than an unadorned, the-defendant-
15 unlawfully-harmed-me accusation." Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009).
16 "Threadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory
17 statements, do not suffice." Id.

18 "[A] complaint must contain sufficient factual matter, accepted as true, to 'state a
19 claim to relief that is plausible on its face.'" Id. (quoting Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly,
20 550 U.S. 544, 570 (2007)). A claim is plausible "when the plaintiff pleads factual content
21 that allows the court to draw the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the
22 misconduct alleged." Id. "Determining whether a complaint states a plausible claim for
23 relief [is] . . . a context-specific task that requires the reviewing court to draw on its judicial
24 experience and common sense." Id. at 1950. Thus, although a plaintiff's specific factual
25 allegations may be consistent with a constitutional claim, a court must assess whether there
26 are other "more likely explanations" for a defendant's conduct. Id. at 1951.

27 But as the United States Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit has instructed, courts
28 must "continue to construe *pro se* filings liberally." Hebbe v. Pliler, 627 F.3d 338, 342 (9th

1 Cir. 2010). A “complaint [filed by a *pro se* prisoner] ‘must be held to less stringent standards
2 than formal pleadings drafted by lawyers.’” *Id.* (quoting Erickson v. Pardus, 551 U.S. 89,
3 94 (2007) (*per curiam*)).

4 If the Court determines that a pleading could be cured by the allegation of other facts,
5 a *pro se* litigant is entitled to an opportunity to amend a complaint before dismissal of the
6 action. See Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127-29 (9th Cir. 2000) (*en banc*). The Court
7 should not, however, advise the litigant how to cure the defects. This type of advice “would
8 undermine district judges’ role as impartial decisionmakers.” Pliler v. Ford, 542 U.S. 225,
9 231 (2004); see also Lopez, 203 F.3d at 1131 n.13 (declining to decide whether the court was
10 required to inform a litigant of deficiencies). The Court will dismiss Plaintiff’s Complaint
11 for failure to state a claim, but because the Complaint may possibly be saved by amendment,
12 the Court will dismiss the Complaint with leave to amend.

13 **III. Complaint**

14 Plaintiff alleges four counts for violation of his Eighth and Thirteenth Amendment
15 rights. Plaintiff sues the Arizona Department of Public Safety (DPS); Arizona Governor Jan
16 Brewer; Pinal County Attorney James P. Walsh; and Deputy Pinal County Attorney Jason
17 R. Holmberg. Plaintiff seeks injunctive, compensatory, and punitive relief. In particular,
18 Plaintiff asks that DPS be required to show proof that Plaintiff was convicted of a sexual
19 offense in California by producing a copy of the case file, a pardon from Brewer, removal
20 of his name from the DPS sex offender registry, and restoration of his parental rights.

21 Plaintiff alleges the following: he is listed as a “high level” sex offender on the DPS
22 sex offender website based on an alleged “Santa Monica Co. Cr.” conviction for lewd and
23 lascivious acts with a child. (Doc. 1, attach.) Plaintiff claims that no records support that he
24 was convicted in “Santa Monica County” of a sex offense because there is no Santa Monica
25 County in California.² Plaintiff further alleges that since 2001, the posting of this inaccurate
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27 ² While there is no Santa Monica County in California, there is a Santa Monica
28 Courthouse, which is part of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. See
<http://www.lasuperiorcourt.org/locations/ui/location.aspx?loc=sm&> (last visited Jan. 29,

1 information on the DPS sex offender website, despite Plaintiff's repeated attempts to have
2 it removed, has damaged his reputation and adversely affected his life. Plaintiff alleges that
3 DPS is supervised and controlled by the Arizona Governor and that both DPS and Brewer
4 are liable for disseminating inaccurate information about him, which has resulted in
5 Plaintiff's arrest and prosecution and adversely affected all aspects of his life.

6 **Background**

7 Unofficial information from the Administrative Office of the Courts for Los Angeles
8 County, which is available on Westlaw, reflects that a person named "Christopher Lamar
9 Cleveland" was *charged* with a "P 288.A" offense in Los Angeles County Court, case#
10 SA013565, on May 13, 1993.³ California Penal Code § 288a penalizes oral copulation with
11 a person under 18 years of age and/or with a person against the person's will, among other
12 circumstances. See West's Ann. Cal. Penal Code § 288a. Plaintiff asserts that "per Los
13 Angeles Superior Ct. (Clerk) John A. Clarke case no. SA013565," he is not a convicted sex
14 offender. (Doc. 1 at 3A, 4B (Plaintiff's hand-written replica of a Culver City Municipal
15 record reflecting that Plaintiff was charged on May 13, 1993))

16 According to Maricopa County Superior Court records available on-line, on
17 September 30, 2003, Plaintiff was sentenced to 2.5 years in prison after pleading guilty to
18 failure to register as a sex offender in case# CR2003-037149, apparently based on California
19 case SA013565.⁴ On December 18, 2007, Plaintiff was sentenced to serve three years in
20 prison after pleading guilty to one count of failing to register as a sex offender with one prior
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24 2013). The description on DPS's website apparently refers to the Los Angeles County
25 Superior Court located in Santa Monica, i.e., a county courthouse located in the city of Santa
26 Monica.

26 ³ See <https://web2.westlaw.com>, criminal arrest & infractions records-California
27 (CRIM-CA), record date May 13, 1993, case# SA013565 (last visited Jan. 30, 2013).

28 ⁴ See <http://www.courtminutes.maricopa.gov/docs/Criminal/102003/m1159258.pdf>
(last visited Jan. 29, 2013).

1 felony in Maricopa County Superior Court case #CR2007-030890.⁵ Defendant Jason R.
2 Holmberg was the Deputy Maricopa County Attorney who prosecuted that case.⁶

3 Plaintiff is currently charged in two criminal cases in Pinal County Superior Court.
4 In case #CR201200144, he is charged with one count of failure as a sex offender to file a
5 notice of address or name charge, and in case #CR201202592, he is charged with one count
6 each of failure as a sex offender to file a notice of moving out of the county and failure to
7 register with the sheriff's department.⁷ In a minute entry issued December 20, 2012 in
8 CR201200144, the court set a hearing on a *state* motion to dismiss, which was scheduled to
9 be held on January 8, 2013.⁸ Based on the scheduled hearing in that case, the court reset the
10 pretrial conference in CR201202592 to be held the same day.⁹ Both hearings have since been
11 continued for reasons, and to a date, not reflected in records currently available on-line.¹⁰
12 Defendant Holmberg is the deputy county attorney prosecuting both Pinal County cases.¹¹

14 ⁵ See <http://www.courtminutes.maricopa.gov/docs/Criminal/122007/m2979475.pdf>
15 (last visited Jan. 29, 2013). In the minute entry, Plaintiff's last name is spelled "Cleaveland"
16 but the referenced prior felony was CR2003-037149. *Id.*

17 ⁶ See n.5, *supra*.

18 ⁷ See <http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/minutes.aspx> (Last visited Jan.
19 29, 2013).

20 ⁸ See <http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/minutes.aspx>, minute entry dated
21 Dec. 20, 2012 (last visited Jan. 29, 2013).

22 ⁹ See <http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/minutes.aspx>, minute entry dated
23 Dec. 20, 2012 (last visited Jan. 29, 2013).

24 ¹⁰ See <http://apps.supremecourt.az.gov/publicaccess/caselookup.aspx>, case## CR2012
25 00144 and CR201202592 (last visited Jan. 29, 2013).

26 ¹¹ On November 16, 2012, Plaintiff filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus in the
27 District Court for the Central District of California. Cleveland v. State of Cal., No.
28 2:12cv09821-VBF-MRW (C.D. Cal. Nov. 16, 2012), doc. 1. In his petition, Plaintiff sought
to expunge CR SA01356501 for which he "supposedly" served 365 days in jail followed by
36 months on probation. *Id.* Plaintiff stated that he requested a copy of case SA01356501
and received a response that it was a Culver City municipal case that was dismissed on
November 30, 1993. *Id.*, doc. 3. On December 13, 2012, Plaintiff's California habeas case

1 **IV. Failure to State a Claim**

2 To state a claim under § 1983, a plaintiff must allege facts to support that (1) the
3 conduct about which he complains was committed by a person acting under the color of state
4 law and (2) the conduct deprived him of a federal constitutional or statutory right. Wood v.
5 Ostrander, 879 F.2d 583, 587 (9th Cir. 1989). In addition, to state a valid constitutional
6 claim, a plaintiff must allege that he suffered a specific injury as a result of the conduct of
7 a particular defendant, and he must allege an affirmative link between the injury and the
8 conduct of that defendant. Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362, 371-72, 377 (1976).

9 **A. DPS**

10 Plaintiff sues the DPS. Ordinarily, under the Eleventh Amendment to the Constitution
11 of the United States, neither a state nor a state agency may be sued in federal court without
12 its consent. Pennhurst St. Sch. & Hosp., 465 U.S. 89, 100 (1984); Taylor v. List , 880 F.2d
13 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989). Further, neither the State of Arizona nor any State agency is a
14 “person” within the meaning of § 1983. Will v. Michigan Dep’t of State Police, 491 U.S. 58,
15 64 (1989) (holding that the term “person” as used in § 1983 did not include a State or State
16 agency). For both reasons, DPS will be dismissed as a Defendant in this case.

17 **B. Brewer**

18 Plaintiff also sues Arizona Governor Brewer. Eleventh Amendment immunity bars
19 suit for damages against Brewer in her official capacity for violations of federal law, but does
20 not bar suit for declaratory or injunctive relief against her. See Coalition to Defend
21 Affirmative Action v. Brown, 674 F.3d 1128, 1134 (9th Cir. 2012). However, an “individual
22 state official sued ‘must have some connection with the enforcement of the act.’” Id.
23 (quoting Ex parte Young, 209 U.S. 123, 157 (1908)). Further, “that connection ‘must be
24 fairly direct; a generalized duty to enforce state law or general supervisory power over
25 persons responsible for enforcing the challenged provision will not subject an official to

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27 was dismissed based on lack of jurisdiction where Plaintiff sought relief under 28 U.S.C.
28 § 2241, and he was not then “in custody” pursuant to a California state court judgment, but
was instead in the custody of Arizona officials on Arizona state charges. Id., doc. 4.

1 suit.’’ Id. (quoting L.A. Cnty. Bar Ass’n v. Eu, 979 F.3d 697, 704 (9th Cir. 1992)).

2 Plaintiff predicates his allegations against Governor Brewer on acts taken in her
3 official capacity and on her general supervisory power over persons responsible for enforcing
4 the DPS sex offender website and Arizona Revised Statute § 13-3821. That is not sufficient
5 to establish her connection to the posting of allegedly inaccurate information about Plaintiff
6 on the website. Accordingly, Plaintiff fails to state a claim against her and she will be
7 dismissed.

8 **C. Count I**

9 Plaintiff designates Count I as a claim for threat to safety¹² in violation of his Eighth
10 and Thirteenth Amendment¹³ rights based on allegedly inaccurate information posted to the
11 DPS website about him. Plaintiff asserts Count I only against DPS and the Arizona
12 Governor. As discussed above, DPS is not a proper Defendant and Plaintiff fails to state a
13 claim against Governor Brewer. Accordingly, Plaintiff fails to state a claim against any
14 Defendant in Count I and that count will be dismissed.

15 **D. Count II**

16 Plaintiff designates Count II as a claim for falsifying a conviction in violation of 18
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18 ¹² To state a claim under § 1983 for failure to protect or threats to safety, an inmate
19 must allege facts to support that he was incarcerated under conditions posing a substantial
20 risk of harm and that officials were “deliberately indifferent” to those risks. Farmer v.
21 Brennan, 511 U.S. 825, 832-33 (1994). To adequately allege deliberate indifference, a
22 plaintiff must allege facts to support that a defendant knew of, but disregarded, an excessive
23 risk to inmate safety. Id. at 837. That is, “the official must both [have been] aware of facts
24 from which the inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious harm exist[ed], and
25 he must also [have] draw[n] the inference.” Id. Plaintiff has not alleged facts to support he
26 has been incarcerated under conditions posing a substantial risk of harm to him.

27 ¹³ “The Thirteenth Amendment declares that ‘[n]either slavery nor involuntary
28 servitude, except as punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted,
shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.’” United States
v. Kozminski, 487 U.S. 931, 942 (1988) (quoting Amendment XIII). “By its terms [the
Thirteenth] Amendment excludes involuntary servitude imposed as legal punishment for a
crime.” Id. at 943. To the extent that Plaintiff seeks relief for his detention or incarceration
in connection with criminal charges or convictions, he fails to state a Thirteenth Amendment
claim.

1 U.S.C. § 1001 and violation of his Thirteenth and Fourteenth Amendment rights. Plaintiff
2 alleges that Pinal County Attorney Walsh and Deputy County Attorney Holmberg became
3 aware that charges filed against Plaintiff had been dismissed by the Culver City Municipal
4 Court but withheld such information and continued to wrongfully prosecute Plaintiff based
5 on a non-existent sexual offense conviction, which has resulted in Plaintiff's wrongful
6 detention. Plaintiff has attached a copy of the State's 1st Notice of Supplemental Disclosure
7 in CR201200144, in which Walsh and Holmberg state they caused a copy of records from
8 the Arizona Department of Corrections and records from the municipal court of Culver City
9 to be delivered to Plaintiff's attorney. (See Doc. 1 at 4A-4C.) Plaintiff states that the
10 National Crime Information Center (NCIC) shows that on November 30, 1993, Culver City
11 Municipal Court dismissed a charge for acts with a minor in case #SA013565. (Id. at 4.)
12 Plaintiff contends that Defendants Walsh and Holmberg withheld this information and
13 maintained their allegedly wrongful prosecution against him.

14 A prosecutor is absolutely immune from liability under § 1983 for conduct in
15 "initiating a prosecution and in presenting the State's case" insofar as that conduct is
16 "intimately associated with the judicial phase of the criminal process." Buckley v.
17 Fitzsimmons, 509 U.S. 259, 270 (1993) (citing Imbler v. Pachtman, 424 U.S. 409, 430
18 (1976)); Burns v. Reed, 500 U.S. 478, 486 (1991) (quoting Imbler, 424 U.S. at 430-431);
19 Ashelman v. Pope, 793 F.2d 1072, 1076 (9th Cir. 1986). That is, "[a] prosecutor is protected
20 by absolute immunity from liability for damages under § 1983 'when performing the
21 traditional functions of an advocate.'" Genzler v. Longanbach, 410 F.3d 630, 636 (9th Cir.
22 2005) (quoting Kalina v. Fletcher, 522 U.S. 118, 131 (1997)). Absolute immunity extends
23 to a prosecutor "eliciting false or defamatory testimony from witnesses" or making false or
24 defamatory statements during, and related to judicial proceedings. Buckley, 509 U.S. at 270
25 (citations omitted). "However, 'the actions of a prosecutor are not absolutely immune merely
26 because they are performed by a prosecutor.'" Genzler, 410 F.3d at 636 (quoting Buckley,
27 509 U.S. at 273). Rather, prosecutorial immunity depends on "'the nature of the function
28 performed, not the identity of the actor who performed it.'" Id. (quoting Kalina, 522 U.S.

1 at 127). A prosecutor is only entitled to qualified immunity, rather than absolute immunity,
2 when he performs administrative or investigative functions. Id.

3 Plaintiff's allegations against Defendants Walsh and Holmberg concern their
4 prosecution of him, including their delivery of supplemental disclosure to Plaintiff's attorney.
5 Such conduct is intimately associated with the judicial phase of criminal proceedings against
6 Plaintiff. For that reason, Defendants Walsh and Holmberg are entitled to prosecutorial
7 immunity for their acts in prosecuting Plaintiff. Accordingly, Count II will be dismissed
8 based on prosecutorial immunity.

9 **V. Leave to Amend**

10 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's Complaint will be dismissed for failure to state
11 a claim upon which relief may be granted. Within 30 days, Plaintiff may submit a first
12 amended complaint to cure the deficiencies outlined above. The Clerk of Court will mail
13 Plaintiff a court-approved form to use for filing a first amended complaint. If Plaintiff fails
14 to use the court-approved form, the Court may strike the amended complaint and dismiss this
15 action without further notice to Plaintiff.

16 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the "First
17 Amended Complaint." The first amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its
18 entirety on the court-approved form and may not incorporate any part of the original
19 Complaint by reference. Plaintiff may include only one claim per count.

20 A first amended complaint supersedes the original complaint. Ferdik v. Bonzelet, 963
21 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner & Co., 896 F.2d 1542,
22 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat an original complaint as
23 nonexistent. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that was raised in the original
24 complaint is waived if it is not raised in a first amended complaint. King v. Atiyeh, 814 F.2d
25 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

26 **VI. Plaintiff's Motions**

27 As noted above, Plaintiff has filed numerous motions and notices. To the extent that
28 Plaintiff seeks any relief in his notices, his notices will be denied. To seek relief, Plaintiff

1 must file a motion.

2 **Motion for Appointment of Counsel**

3 Plaintiff has filed a motion for appointment of counsel. (Doc. 5.) Counsel is only
4 appointed in a civil rights action in “exceptional circumstances.” Agyeman v. Corrections
5 Corp. of America, 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th Cir. 2004); Wilborn v. Escalderon, 789 F.2d
6 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986); Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991). “A
7 finding of exceptional circumstances requires an evaluation of both ‘the likelihood of success
8 on the merits [and] the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims *pro se* in light of the
9 complexity of the legal issues involved.’” Wilborn, 789 F.2d at 1331; see Agyeman, 390
10 F.3d at 1103; Terrell, 935 F.2d at 1017.

11 The legal issues involved in this case do not present exceptional circumstances and
12 Plaintiff appears able to articulate his claims. Therefore, Plaintiff’s motion for appointment
13 of counsel will be denied.

14 **Motions to Proffer and for Hearing**

15 Plaintiff has also filed a motion to proffer or request a free talk. (Doc. 6.) In this
16 motion, Plaintiff appears to seek relief regarding information contained on the DPS sex
17 offender website and in connection with the merits in this case. This motion will be denied
18 as premature prior to screening of an amended complaint and service on any Defendant in
19 this case.

20 Plaintiff has also filed a motion for hearing or conference. (Doc. 7.) In this motion,
21 Plaintiff again appears to be seeking relief regarding purportedly false information about him
22 on the DPS sex offender website. As with the motion to proffer, this motion will be denied
23 as premature prior to the screening of an amended complaint and service on any Defendant.

24 **Motion to Require Defendants to Respond**

25 Plaintiff has also filed two motions asking the Court to order a response by
26 Defendants. (Doc. 10, 15.) As discussed herein, his Complaint is being dismissed for failure
27 to state a claim with leave to amend. Service on or more Defendants will not be ordered
28 unless Plaintiff files an amended complaint that states a viable claim against at least one

1 Defendant. Plaintiff's motions to order a response will be denied.

2 **Motion for Injunctive Relief**

3 Plaintiff has filed a motion for a preliminary injunction. (Doc. 12.) Plaintiff asserts
4 that it is impossible for him to receive a fair trial in CR201202592 because he has been
5 libeled since 2001 as a sex offender and maintains that he has never been convicted of a sex
6 offense. Plaintiff asks this Court to order the Pinal County Superior Court to "produce case
7 file records proving its claim that SA01356501 is a true sex offense." (Id. at 2.) He
8 otherwise asks this Court to intercede in his state criminal proceedings.

9 The abstention doctrine set forth in Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37 (1971), prevents
10 a federal court in most circumstances from directly interceding in ongoing state criminal
11 proceedings. Further, the Younger abstention doctrine applies while a case works its way
12 through the state appellate process, if a prisoner is convicted. New Orleans Pub. Serv., Inc.
13 v. Council of City of New Orleans, 491 U.S. 350, 369 (1989). Only in extraordinary
14 circumstances will the Younger doctrine not bar federal interference with ongoing (non-
15 final) state criminal proceedings. Such circumstances include when a prisoner alleges that
16 he is being subjected to double jeopardy. See Mannes v. Gillespie, 967 F.2d 1310, 1312 (9th
17 Cir. 1992). Speedy trial claims may also be reviewed *if* a detainee is seeking to compel the
18 state to bring him to trial, rather than seeking dismissal of the charges, and the detainee has
19 exhausted all of his state court remedies. Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court of Kentucky,
20 410 U.S. 484, 489-90 (1973); see In re Justices of Superior Court Dep't of Mass. Trial Court,
21 218 F.3d 11, 18 & n.5 (1st Cir. 2000).

22 Plaintiff has not alleged, nor does it appear, that he is being subjected to double
23 jeopardy. Plaintiff has been charged with new violations of Arizona's sex offender
24 registration law. Plaintiff also does not seek to compel the state to bring him to trial. To the
25 contrary, he seeks release and dismissal of the current charges. Thus, the Younger abstention
26 doctrine applies and Plaintiff's motion to intervene in his state court proceedings will be
27 denied.

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1 **Motion to Provide Proof of Santa Monica Court Case**

2 Finally, Plaintiff has filed a motion seeking production of records to support that he
3 was convicted of a sex offense in California, including a copy of the actual judgment, and
4 again seeks intervention by this Court in his state criminal proceedings. To the extent that
5 Plaintiff is seeking discovery from Defendants, his request is premature prior to service of
6 an amended complaint on one or more Defendants. To the extent that he seeks intervention
7 by this Court in his state proceedings, his motion will be denied based on the Younger
8 abstention doctrine.

9 **VII. Warnings**

10 **A. Release**

11 Plaintiff must pay the unpaid balance of the filing fee within 120 days of his release.
12 Also, within 30 days of his release, he must either (1) notify the Court that he intends to pay
13 the balance or (2) show good cause, in writing, why he cannot. Failure to comply may result
14 in dismissal of this action.

15 **B. Address Changes**

16 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule
17 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion for other
18 relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in dismissal of this
19 action.

20 **C. Copies**

21 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. See
22 LRCiv 5.4. Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further notice
23 to Plaintiff.

24 **D. Possible “Strike”**

25 Because the Complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a claim, if Plaintiff fails
26 to file an amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified in this Order, the
27 dismissal may count as a “strike” under the “3-strikes” provision of 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).
28 Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring a civil action or appeal a civil

1 judgment *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 “if the prisoner has, on 3 or more prior
2 occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action or appeal in a
3 court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous, malicious,
4 or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is under
5 imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

6 **E. Possible Dismissal**

7 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these
8 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at
9 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the
10 Court).

11 **IT IS ORDERED:**

12 (1) Plaintiff’s Application to Proceed *In Forma Pauperis* is **granted**. (Doc. 2.)

13 (2) As required by the accompanying Order to the appropriate government agency,
14 Plaintiff must pay the \$350.00 filing fee and is assessed an initial partial filing fee of \$18.40.

15 (3) The Complaint is **dismissed** for failure to state a claim. (Doc. 1.) Plaintiff has
16 **30 days** from the date this Order is filed to file a first amended complaint in compliance with
17 this Order.

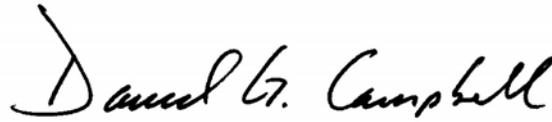
18 (4) If Plaintiff fails to file an amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of
19 Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with prejudice
20 that states that the dismissal may count as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

21 (5) The Clerk of Court must mail Plaintiff a court-approved form for filing a civil
22 rights complaint by a prisoner.

23 (6) Plaintiff’s motions to appoint counsel, to proffer, for hearing, and to order
24 Defendants to respond are **denied**. (Docs. 5-7, 10, 12, 14, and 15)

1 (7) Plaintiff's notices are **denied** to the extent that he seeks any relief therein.
2 (Docs.8, 9, 11, 13, 16)

3 DATED this 7th day of February, 2013.

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**Instructions for a Prisoner Filing a Civil Rights Complaint
in the United States District Court for the District of Arizona**

1. Who May Use This Form. The civil rights complaint form is designed to help incarcerated persons prepare a complaint seeking relief for a violation of their federal civil rights. These complaints typically concern, but are not limited to, conditions of confinement. **This form should not be used to challenge your conviction or sentence.** If you want to challenge a state conviction or sentence, you should file a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. If you want to challenge a federal conviction or sentence, you should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate sentence in the federal court that entered the judgment.

2. The Form. **Local Rule of Civil Procedure (LRCiv) 3.4(a) provides that complaints by incarcerated persons must be filed on the court-approved form.** The form must be typed or neatly handwritten. The form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the appropriate space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages, **but no more than fifteen additional pages**, of standard letter-sized paper. You must identify which part of the complaint is being continued and number all pages. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or corrected information, which may delay the processing of your action. You do not need to cite law.

3. Your Signature. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.

4. The Filing Fee. The filing fee for this action is \$350.00. If you are unable to immediately pay the filing fee, you may request leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Please review the “Information for Prisoners Seeking Leave to Proceed with a (Non-Habeas) Civil Action in Federal Court *In Forma Pauperis* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915” for additional instructions.

5. Original and Judge’s Copy. You must send an **original plus one copy** of your complaint and of any other documents submitted to the Court. You must send one additional copy to the Court if you wish to have a file-stamped copy of the document returned to you. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.

6. Where to File. You should file your complaint in the division **where you were confined when your rights were allegedly violated.** See LRCiv 5.1(a) and 77.1(a). If you were confined in Maricopa, Pinal, Yuma, La Paz, or Gila County, file in the Phoenix Division. If you were confined in Apache, Navajo, Coconino, Mohave, or Yavapai County, file in the Prescott Division. If you were confined in Pima, Cochise, Santa Cruz, Graham, or Greenlee County, file in the Tucson Division. **Mail the original and one copy of the complaint with the \$350 filing fee or the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* to:**

Phoenix & Prescott Divisions:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 130
401 West Washington Street, SPC 10
Phoenix, Arizona 85003-2119

OR

Tucson Division:
U.S. District Court Clerk
U.S. Courthouse, Suite 1500
405 West Congress Street
Tucson, Arizona 85701-5010

7. Change of Address. You must immediately notify the Court and the defendants in writing of any change in your mailing address. **Failure to notify the Court of any change in your mailing address may result in the dismissal of your case.**

8. Certificate of Service. You must furnish the defendants with a copy of any document you submit to the Court (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*). Each original document (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*) must include a certificate of service on the last page of the document stating the date a copy of the document was mailed to the defendants and the address to which it was mailed. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a), (d). Any document received by the Court that does not include a certificate of service may be stricken. A certificate of service should be in the following form:

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed
this _____ (month, day, year) to:

Name: _____

Address: _____

Attorney for Defendant(s)

(Signature)

9. Amended Complaint. If you need to change any of the information in the initial complaint, you must file an amended complaint. The amended complaint must be written on the court-approved civil rights complaint form. You may file one amended complaint without leave (permission) of Court before any defendant has answered your original complaint. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). After any defendant has filed an answer, you must file a motion for leave to amend and lodge (submit) a proposed amended complaint. LRCiv 15.1. In addition, an amended complaint may not incorporate by reference any part of your prior complaint. LRCiv 15.1(a)(2). **Any allegations or defendants not included in the amended complaint are considered dismissed.** All amended complaints are subject to screening under the Prison Litigation Reform Act; screening your amendment will take additional processing time.

10. Exhibits. You should not submit exhibits with the complaint or amended complaint. Instead, the relevant information should be paraphrased. You should keep the exhibits to use to support or oppose a motion to dismiss, a motion for summary judgment, or at trial.

11. Letters and Motions. It is generally inappropriate to write a letter to any judge or the staff of any judge. The only appropriate way to communicate with the Court is by filing a written pleading or motion.

12. Completing the Civil Rights Complaint Form.

HEADING:

1. Your Name. Print your name, prison or inmate number, and institutional mailing address on the lines provided.
2. Defendants. If there are **four or fewer** defendants, print the name of each. If you name **more than four** defendants, print the name of the first defendant on the first line, write the words “and others” on the second line, and attach an additional page listing the names of **all** of the defendants. Insert the additional page after page 1 and number it “1-A” at the bottom.
3. Jury Demand. If you want a jury trial, you must write “JURY TRIAL DEMANDED” in the space below “CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT BY A PRISONER.” Failure to do so may result in the loss of the right to a jury trial. A jury trial is not available if you are seeking only injunctive relief.

Part A. JURISDICTION:

1. Nature of Suit. Mark whether you are filing the complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for state, county, or city defendants; “Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents” for federal defendants; or “other.” If you mark “other,” identify the source of that authority.
2. Location. Identify the institution and city where the alleged violation of your rights occurred.
3. Defendants. Print all of the requested information about each of the defendants in the spaces provided. If you are naming more than four defendants, you must provide the necessary information about each additional defendant on separate pages labeled “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom. Insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

Part B. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:

You must identify any other lawsuit you have filed in either state or federal court while you were a prisoner. Print all of the requested information about each lawsuit in the spaces provided. If you have filed more than three lawsuits, you must provide the necessary information about each additional lawsuit on a separate page. Label the page(s) as “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom of the page and insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

Part C. CAUSE OF ACTION:

You must identify what rights each defendant violated. The form provides space to allege three separate counts (**one violation per count**). If you are alleging more than three counts, you must provide the necessary information about each additional count on a separate page. Number the additional pages “5-A,” “5-B,” etc., and insert them immediately behind page 5. Remember that you are limited to a total of fifteen additional pages.

1. Counts. You must identify which civil right was violated. **You may allege the violation of only one civil right per count.**

2. Issue Involved. Check the box that most closely identifies the issue involved in your claim. **You may check only one box per count.** If you check the box marked “Other,” you must identify the specific issue involved.

3. Supporting Facts. After you have identified which civil right was violated, you must state the supporting facts. Be as specific as possible. You must state what each individual defendant did to violate your rights. If there is more than one defendant, you must identify which defendant did what act. You also should state the date(s) on which the act(s) occurred, if possible.

4. Injury. State precisely how you were injured by the alleged violation of your rights.

5. Administrative Remedies. You must exhaust any available administrative remedies before you file a civil rights complaint. See 42 U.S.C. § 1997e. Consequently, you should disclose whether you have exhausted the inmate grievance procedures or administrative appeals for each count in your complaint. If the grievance procedures were not available for any of your counts, fully explain why on the lines provided.

Part D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF:

Print the relief you are seeking in the space provided.

SIGNATURE:

You must sign your name and print the date you signed the complaint. Failure to sign the complaint will delay the processing of your action. Unless you are an attorney, you may not bring an action on behalf of anyone but yourself.

FINAL NOTE

You should follow these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may result in your complaint being stricken or dismissed. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number the pages.

Name and Prisoner/Booking Number

Place of Confinement

Mailing Address

City, State, Zip Code

(Failure to notify the Court of your change of address may result in dismissal of this action.)

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

(Full Name of Plaintiff) Plaintiff,

vs.

CASE NO. _____
(To be supplied by the Clerk)

(1) _____
(Full Name of Defendant)

(2) _____

(3) _____

(4) _____

Defendant(s).

Check if there are additional Defendants and attach page 1-A listing them.

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT
BY A PRISONER**

- Original Complaint
- First Amended Complaint
- Second Amended Complaint

A. JURISDICTION

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to:

- 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1983
- 28 U.S.C. § 1331; Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).
- Other: _____

2. Institution/city where violation occurred: _____

B. DEFENDANTS

1. Name of first Defendant: _____ . The first Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____ .
(Position and Title) (Institution)
2. Name of second Defendant: _____ . The second Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____ .
(Position and Title) (Institution)
3. Name of third Defendant: _____ . The third Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____ .
(Position and Title) (Institution)
4. Name of fourth Defendant: _____ . The fourth Defendant is employed as:
_____ at _____ .
(Position and Title) (Institution)

If you name more than four Defendants, answer the questions listed above for each additional Defendant on a separate page.

C. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS

1. Have you filed any other lawsuits while you were a prisoner? Yes No
2. If yes, how many lawsuits have you filed? _____. Describe the previous lawsuits:
 - a. First prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____
 - b. Second prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____
 - c. Third prior lawsuit:
 1. Parties: _____ v. _____
 2. Court and case number: _____
 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) _____

If you filed more than three lawsuits, answer the questions listed above for each additional lawsuit on a separate page.

D. CAUSE OF ACTION

COUNT I

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: _____
_____.

2. **Count I.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.
 Basic necessities Mail Access to the court Medical care
 Disciplinary proceedings Property Exercise of religion Retaliation
 Excessive force by an officer Threat to safety Other: _____.

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count I. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

_____.

4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

_____.

5. **Administrative Remedies:**
a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution? Yes No
b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count I? Yes No
c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count I to the highest level? Yes No
d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. _____
_____.

COUNT III

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: _____
_____.

2. **Count III.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic necessities	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to the court	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical care
<input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/> Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise of religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive force by an officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Threat to safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.	

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count III. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

_____.

4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

_____.

5. **Administrative Remedies.**

a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution? Yes No

b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count III? Yes No

c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count III to the highest level? Yes No

d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. _____
_____.

If you assert more than three Counts, answer the questions listed above for each additional Count on a separate page.

E. REQUEST FOR RELIEF

State the relief you are seeking:

I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on _____
DATE

SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF

(Name and title of paralegal, legal assistant, or other person who helped prepare this complaint)

(Signature of attorney, if any)

(Attorney's address & telephone number)

ADDITIONAL PAGES

All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number all pages.