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6 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
7 **FOR THE DISTRICT OF ARIZONA**
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14 Robert Carrasco Gamez, Jr.,
15 Plaintiff,

No. CV 13-1757-PHX-RCB (MEA)

16 vs.

ORDER

17 Charles L. Ryan, et al.,
18 Defendants.
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20 Plaintiff Robert Carrasco Gamez, Jr., who is confined in the Arizona State Prison
21 Complex, Browning Unit in Florence, Arizona, filed a *pro se* civil rights Complaint under
22 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff also filed a motion for recusal of Magistrate Judge Aspey and
23 motion for appointment of counsel. (Doc. 7, 8.) In an Order filed on March 24, 2014, the
24 Court dismissed the Complaint for failure to state a claim with leave to amend within 30
25 days and denied Plaintiff's motions. (Doc. 9.) Plaintiff has filed a motion for
26 reconsideration and a motion for extension of time within which to amend. (Doc. 12,
27 13.) The Court will grant the motion for an extension of time but will deny the motion
28 for reconsideration.

1 **I. Standard for Reconsideration**

2 Motions for reconsideration should be granted only in rare circumstances.
3 *Defenders of Wildlife v. Browner*, 909 F. Supp. 1342, 1351 (D. Ariz. 1995). A motion for
4 reconsideration is appropriate where the district court “(1) is presented with newly
5 discovered evidence, (2) committed clear error or the initial decision was manifestly
6 unjust, or (3) if there is an intervening change in controlling law.” *School Dist. No. 1J,*
7 *Multnomah County v. ACandS, Inc.*, 5 F.3d 1255, 1263 (9th Cir. 1993). Such motions
8 should not be used for the purpose of asking a court “to rethink what the court had
9 already thought through – rightly or wrongly.” *Defenders of Wildlife*, 909 F. Supp. at
10 1351 (*quoting Above the Belt, Inc. v. Mel Bohannan Roofing, Inc.*, 99 F.R.D. 99, 101
11 (E.D. Va. 1983)). A motion for reconsideration “may not be used to raise arguments or
12 present evidence for the first time when they could reasonably have been raised earlier in
13 the litigation.” *Kona Enters., Inc. v. Estate of Bishop*, 229 F.3d 877, 890 (9th Cir. 2000).
14 Nor may a motion for reconsideration repeat any argument previously made in support of
15 or in opposition to a motion. *Motorola, Inc. v. J.B. Rodgers Mech. Contractors, Inc.*, 215
16 F.R.D. 581, 586 (D. Ariz. 2003). Mere disagreement with a previous order is an
17 insufficient basis for reconsideration. *See Leong v. Hilton Hotels Corp.*, 689 F. Supp.
18 1572, 1573 (D. Haw. 1988).

19 Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of the denial of his motion for recusal and motion
20 for appointment of counsel. Plaintiff provides no basis for reconsideration of the denial
21 of his motion for recusal apart from rulings made by Magistrate Judge Aspey in some of
22 Plaintiff’s other cases. As discussed in the Court’s prior Order, that is not a basis for
23 recusal. Plaintiff has not otherwise alleged or shown that the Court’s denial of the recusal
24 motion was clearly in error or manifestly unjust, an intervening change in controlling
25 law, or newly-discovered evidence. Accordingly, reconsideration of the denial of the
26 motion for recusal will be denied.

27 Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of the denial of his motion for appointment of
28 counsel because he, as an inmate, cannot obtain portions of other inmates’ correction

1 files, which he speculates will show that Defendants knew of threats to Plaintiff posed by
2 other inmates.¹ That is, Plaintiff seeks reconsideration because inmates are prohibited
3 from accessing the type of information that he believes exists to support his claims.
4 Plaintiff has not, however, alleged or shown that the Court clearly erred in denying his
5 motions or that the denial was manifestly unjust. Nor has Plaintiff asserted an
6 intervening change in the controlling law or newly discovered evidence relevant to
7 Plaintiff's ostensible claim(s) in this case. Accordingly, reconsideration of the denial of
8 his motion for appointment of counsel will be denied.

9 **II. Motion for Extension to Amend**

10 Plaintiff also seeks a 30-day extension of time within which to file an amended
11 complaint. (Doc. 13.) Plaintiff seeks an extension because he was not provided with a
12 copy of the court-approved form complaint,² he is currently preparing a reply in his
13 habeas corpus case, CV12-0639-TUC-JGZ (JR),³ and due to deadlines in several of his
14 other pending cases. The Court will grant Plaintiff's motion to the extent set forth below.

15 **III. Warnings**

16 **A. Release**

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

21 **B. Address Changes**

22 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with
23 Rule 83.3(d) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include a motion

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25 ¹ Plaintiff may seek *in camera* review by the Court of any records withheld based
on the prohibition on inmates possessing correction records of other inmates.

26 ² The wrong form was inadvertently sent to Plaintiff with the last Order. The
27 Court will order a copy of the form complaint be provided to Plaintiff with this Order.

28 ³ At least technically, Respondents in the habeas corpus case have not yet filed an
Answer. *See Gamez v. Ryan*, CV12-0679-TUC-JGZ (JR), doc. 39 at 2 (recommending
that the district court order Respondents to answer the petition).

1 for other relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in
2 dismissal of this action.

3 **C. Copies**

4 Because Plaintiff is currently confined in ASPC-Eyman and this case is subject to
5 General Order 13-11, Plaintiff is not required to submit an additional copy of every filing
6 for use by the Court, as would ordinarily be required by Local Rule of Civil Procedure
7 5.4. If Plaintiff is transferred to a prison other than ASPC-Eyman, he will be notified of
8 the requirements regarding copies for the Court that are required for inmates whose cases
9 are not subject to General Order 13-11.

10 **D. Possible “Strike”**

11 Because the Complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a claim, if Plaintiff
12 fails to file an amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified in the March 24,
13 2014 Order, the dismissal may count as a “strike” under the “3-strikes” provision of 28
14 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring a civil action
15 or appeal a civil judgment *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 “if the prisoner has,
16 on 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an
17 action or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is
18 frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the
19 prisoner is under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

20 **E. Possible Dismissal**

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

25 **IT IS ORDERED:**

- 26 (1) Plaintiff’s motion for reconsideration is **denied**. (Doc. 12.)
27 (2) Plaintiff’s motion for extension of time in which to file an amended
28 complaint is **granted** to the extent set forth below. (Doc. 13.)

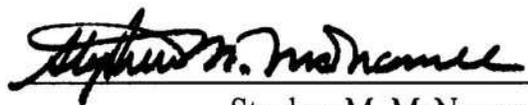
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(3) Plaintiff is **granted** an additional **30** days from the filing date of this Order in which to file a first amended complaint in compliance with the March 24, 2014 Order.

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

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

DATED this 23rd day of April, 2014.



Stephen M. McNamee
Senior United States District Judge

**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.

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.

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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.