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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES F. LEE,)	Case No. CV 12-8044-JSL (JPR)
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Petitioner,)	
)	ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE
vs.)	
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G.D. LEWIS, Warden,)	
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Respondent.)	
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On September 18, 2012, Petitioner filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, raising two claims: insufficient evidence supporting his attempted-murder conviction and ineffective assistance of counsel. (Pet. at 5.) Petitioner alleges that he raised those claims on direct appeal to the state court of appeal and supreme court. (Id. at 2-3.) He alleges that in addition, he raised an ineffective-assistance-of-counsel claim in a habeas petition to the state superior court, which denied it on March 26, 2012; it is unclear whether it is the same claim he raised on direct appeal and in the federal Petition. (Id. at 4.) He does not claim to have filed other state petitions (see generally

1 id.), although he acknowledges that he has another petition
2 pending in "either state or federal" court (id. at 6). The
3 Court's review of the California Appellate Courts' Case
4 Information website indicates that on September 19, 2012,
5 Petitioner filed a habeas petition in the state court of appeal,
6 which has not yet adjudicated it.

7 The Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996
8 ("AEDPA") provides that a § 2254 petition should not be granted
9 unless it appears that the petitioner has exhausted available
10 state remedies as to all of his claims. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b),
11 (c); see Picard v. Connor, 404 U.S. 270, 276-77, 92 S. Ct. 509,
12 513, 30 L. Ed. 2d 438 (1971) (stating that purpose of exhaustion
13 is to give state initial opportunity to address violation of
14 petitioner's federal rights). Thus, a federal habeas petition
15 filed while the petitioner's direct appeal is pending in state
16 court is premature and ordinarily will be dismissed for failure
17 to exhaust state remedies. See Sherwood v. Tomkins, 716 F.2d
18 632, 634 (9th Cir. 1983) (holding that when direct appeal pending
19 in state court, petitioner "must await the outcome of his appeal
20 before his state remedies are exhausted" even if his federal
21 petition contains unrelated, properly exhausted claims); see also
22 Edelbacher v. Calderon, 160 F.3d 582, 583, 585 (9th Cir. 1998)
23 (declining to depart from Sherwood's general rule absent
24 "extremely unusual circumstances"); cf. Younger v. Harris, 401
25 U.S. 37, 43-45, 91 S. Ct. 746, 750-51, 27 L. Ed. 2d 669 (1971)
26 (holding that under principles of comity and federalism, federal
27 court should not interfere with ongoing state criminal
28 proceedings absent extraordinary circumstances). Sherwood

1 applies irrespective of whether the claim or claims raised in the
2 pending state petition are included in the federal petition
3 because the state-court proceeding may result in reversal of the
4 petitioner's conviction, thereby mooting the federal proceeding.
5 716 F.2d at 634. Although no published, post-AEDPA Ninth Circuit
6 cases have extended Sherwood to state habeas petitions pending at
7 the filing of a federal petition, various district courts have
8 done so. See Nipiossian v. Walker, No. CV 09-04491 GHK (RZ),
9 2009 WL 2195797, at *1 (C.D. Cal. July 17, 2009) ("If a
10 petitioner has post-conviction proceedings pending in state
11 court, the federal exhaustion requirement is not satisfied.");
12 see, e.g., Lee v. Vaques, No. CV 09-7622 GW (FFM), 2010 WL
13 2330205, at *1 (C.D. Cal. June 7, 2010) (listing cases).

14 Because Petitioner has a state habeas petition pending in
15 the court of appeal, the adjudication of which may moot his
16 federal Petition, and no unusual circumstances apparently exist,
17 he may well have failed to fully exhaust his state remedies.
18 This Court, of course, does not know whether the claims presented
19 in the state-court habeas petition are the same as those raised
20 here or are even related to the same conviction and sentence. In
21 any event, Petitioner may move for a stay of the Petition
22 pursuant to Kelly v. Small, 315 F.3d 1063 (9th Cir. 2003),
23 overruled on other grounds by Robbins v. Carey, 481 F.3d 1143,
24 1149 (9th Cir. 2007), while he continues to exhaust claims in
25 state court. Petitioner is warned, however, that if the claims
26 currently pending in state court are different from those
27 presented in the Petition but challenge the same conviction and
28 sentence, then under Kelly

1 [he] will be able to amend his unexhausted claims back
2 into his federal petition once he has exhausted them only
3 if those claims are determined to be timely. And
4 demonstrating timeliness will often be problematic under
5 the now-applicable legal principles.

6 King v. Ryan, 564 F.3d 1133, 1140-41 (9th Cir. 2009).

7 Additionally, Petitioner may amend a new claim into a pending
8 federal habeas petition after the expiration of the limitation
9 period only if the new claim shares a "common core of operative
10 facts" with the claims in the pending petition. Mayle v. Felix,
11 545 U.S. 644, 659, 125 S. Ct. 2562, 2572, 162 L. Ed. 2d 582
12 (2005). Should the claims now pending in state court be the same
13 as those in the Petition, and should this Court grant any request
14 for a stay, then this Court will simply postpone ruling on the
15 Petition until Petitioner's state-court proceedings have
16 concluded.

17 IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED that within 30 days of the service
18 date of this Order, Petitioner show cause in writing, if he has
19 any, why the Court should not recommend that this action be
20 dismissed without prejudice because of the pending state-court
21 proceedings. As part of his response, Petitioner may elect to
22 move for a stay of these proceedings under Kelly.

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24 DATED: September 28, 2012

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U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE