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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
WESTERN DIVISION

VERNON CASTLE BROWN, JR.,	)	
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Petitioner,	)	Case No. CV 17-2221-CAS(AJW)
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v.	)	
	)	MEMORANDUM AND ORDER
DAVID BAUGHMAN,	)	DISMISSING PETITION
	)	
Respondent.	)	
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18       Petitioner, a state prisoner, filed this petition for a writ of  
19 habeas corpus on March 22, 2017.<sup>1</sup> The petition challenges petitioner's  
20 2001 murder conviction in the Los Angeles County Superior Court.  
21 Petitioner previously has filed numerous petitions in this Court  
22 challenging the same conviction. The first petition was denied on the  
23 merits on June 8, 2004. Case No. CV 03-7528-FMC(AJW). Petitioner's  
24 subsequent petitions challenging that conviction were dismissed as

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\_\_\_\_\_ <sup>1</sup> Although petitioner used the form for a petition filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241, the petition is properly construed as a petition pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

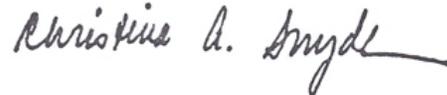
1 successive.<sup>2</sup>

2 "Before a second or successive application permitted by this  
3 section is filed in the district court, the applicant shall move in  
4 the appropriate court of appeals for an order authorizing the district  
5 court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). Absent  
6 authorization from the Court of Appeals, this Court lacks jurisdiction  
7 over a successive petition. See Magwood v. Patterson, 561 U.S. 320,  
8 330-331 (2010); Cooper v. Calderon, 274 F.3d 1270, 1274 (9th Cir.  
9 2001), cert. denied, 538 U.S. 984 (2003).

10 Because petitioner has not obtained leave from the Court of  
11 Appeals, the petition is dismissed for lack of jurisdiction.<sup>3</sup>

12 **It is so ordered.**

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14 Dated: March 29, 2017



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Christina A. Snyder  
United States District Judge

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<sup>2</sup> Case Nos. CV 04-4250-R(AJW), CV 11-4338-CAS(AJW), CV 11-4691-CAS(AJW),  
22 CV 11-7476-CAS(AJW), CV 11-7997-CAS(AJW), CV 12-4039-CAS(AJW), CV 12-  
23 5230-CAS(AJW), CV 14-9017-CAS(AJW), CV 15-268-CAS(AJW), CV 15-766-  
CAS(AJW), CV 15-2316-CAS(AJW), CV 15-8590-CAS(AJW), CV 17-1512-CAS(AJW).

24 <sup>3</sup> Ninth Circuit Rule No. 22-3(a) provides that "[i]f a second or  
25 successive petition or motion, or an application for authorization to  
26 file such a petition or motion, is mistakenly submitted to the district  
27 court, the district court shall refer it to the court of appeals."  
28 Because the circumstances indicate that petitioner intentionally filed  
this action in this Court, not that he did so mistakenly, Rule 22-3(a)  
is inapplicable. Nevertheless, the Clerk is directed to mail petitioner  
a copy of Ninth Circuit Form 12 so that petitioner may file an  
application for leave to file a second or successive petition in the  
Court of Appeals.