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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
10 EASTERN DIVISION  
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12 STEVE V. ANTHONY,

13 Petitioner,

14 v.

15 GARY SWARTHOUT,

16 Respondent.  
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No. ED CV 10-232-CAS (PLA)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE RE: DISMISSAL  
OF SUCCESSIVE PETITION**

18 Steve V. Anthony ("petitioner") initiated this action on February 12, 2010, by filing a Petition  
19 for Writ of Habeas Corpus by a Person in State Custody pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (the  
20 "Petition"). The instant Petition challenges his 2000 conviction in the San Bernardino County  
21 Superior Court in Case No. FV108164. (Petition at 2).

22 The Court observes that on September 10, 2003, petitioner filed an earlier habeas petition  
23 in this Court, Case No. ED CV 03-1034-LGB (PLA), which also challenged his 2000 conviction.  
24 The 2003 petition was dismissed on the merits with prejudice pursuant to the Judgment entered  
25 on June 8, 2004.

26 A federal habeas petition is successive if it raises claims that were or could have been  
27 adjudicated on the merits in a previous petition. Cooper v. Calderon, 274 F.3d 1270, 1273 (9th  
28 Cir. 2001) (per curiam), cert. denied, 538 U.S. 984, 123 S.Ct. 1793 (2003). The Antiterrorism and

1 Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 ("AEDPA") provides that a claim presented in a second or  
2 successive federal habeas petition that was not presented in a prior petition shall be dismissed  
3 unless:

4 (A) the applicant shows that the claim relies on a new rule of  
5 constitutional law, made retroactive to cases on collateral review by  
the Supreme Court, that was previously unavailable; or

6 (B)(i) the factual predicate for the claim could not have been  
7 discovered previously through the exercise of due diligence; and

8 (ii) the facts underlying the claim, if proven and viewed in light of the  
9 evidence as a whole, would be sufficient to establish by clear and  
10 convincing evidence that, but for constitutional error, no reasonable  
factfinder would have found the applicant guilty of the underlying  
offense.

11 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(2)(A), (B).

12 Furthermore, "[b]efore a second or successive application permitted by this section is filed  
13 in the district court, the applicant shall move in the appropriate court of appeals for an order  
14 authorizing the district court to consider the application." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A).

15 In his 2003 federal habeas challenge, petitioner raised the following claims: (1) the trial  
16 court abused its discretion by denying petitioner's motion for a continuance; (2) petitioner's  
17 sentence violates the Eighth Amendment's proscription against cruel and unusual punishment and  
18 petitioner's sentence is disproportionate to the crime for which he was convicted; and (3) the trial  
19 court violated petitioner's right to a fair trial when it instructed the jury with CALJIC No. 17.41.1.  
20 (See Report and Recommendation, issued on March 23, 2004, at p. 4). As mentioned above, the  
21 action was dismissed on the merits and with prejudice. (See Order Adopting Magistrate Judge's  
22 Report and Recommendation and Judgment, both entered on June 8, 2004).

23 In the instant Petition, petitioner sets forth new claims -- i.e., the trial court's findings that  
24 petitioner's prior conviction was a "strike" was erroneous in light of petitioner's plea agreement in  
25 the prior case; the use of petitioner's prior conviction violated his constitutional rights; and  
26 petitioner received ineffective assistance of counsel -- that were not presented in the earlier federal  
27 habeas action. (See Petition at 5-6). However, although petitioner presents new claims in the  
28 instant Petition, he nevertheless is required to seek authorization from the Ninth Circuit before

1 filing a successive petition. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A). There is no indication that petitioner has  
2 obtained such permission from the Ninth Circuit. See Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 153, 127  
3 S.Ct. 793, 166 L.Ed.2d 628 (2007) (AEDPA requires petitioner to receive authorization from the  
4 Court of Appeals before filing a second habeas petition). It therefore appears that the Court is  
5 without jurisdiction to entertain the current Petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). See id.; Cooper,  
6 274 F.3d at 1274 (“When the AEDPA is in play, the district court may not, in the absence of  
7 proper authorization from the court of appeals, consider a second or successive habeas  
8 application.”).

9 Accordingly, petitioner is **ordered to show cause** why the instant Petition should not be  
10 dismissed as successive. Specifically, petitioner must submit to the Court **on or before March**  
11 **10, 2010**, documentation showing that, pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), he properly filed  
12 a motion in the Ninth Circuit for an order authorizing the district court to consider a successive  
13 petition, and that the Ninth Circuit issued such an order. **Failure to respond by March 10, 2010,**  
14 **will result in the Court issuing a recommendation that the instant Petition be dismissed**  
15 **without prejudice.**<sup>1</sup> See Reyes v. Vaughn, 276 F.Supp.2d 1027, 1029-30 (C.D. Cal. 2003)  
16 (dismissing successive petition without prejudice to petitioner’s right to seek authorization from the  
17 Ninth Circuit).

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19 DATED: February 17, 2010

20 PAUL L. ABRAMS  
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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25 <sup>1</sup> In the event that petitioner has not complied with 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3)(A), he is  
26 advised that if he wishes to make a successive habeas application, he must file a “Motion for  
27 Order Authorizing District Court to Consider Second or Successive Petition Pursuant to 28 U.S.C.  
28 § 2244(b)(3)(A)” directly with the Ninth Circuit. Until the Ninth Circuit issues such an order, any  
direct or implied request for a second or successive petition for writ of habeas corpus is barred by  
§ 2244(b) and must be dismissed **without prejudice** to petitioner’s right to seek authorization from  
the Ninth Circuit to file the petition.