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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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10	TERRENCE BROWN LEE,)	1:06-CV-0320 OWW SMS HC
11	Petitioner,)	ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
12	v.)	APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL
13	M. KRAMER,)	(DOCUMENT #6)
14	Respondent.)	
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16 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no absolute
17 right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See e.g., Anderson v. Heinze, 258 F.2d
18 479, 481 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 358 U.S. 889 (1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773 (8th Cir.),
19 cert. denied, 469 U.S. 823 (1984). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A authorizes the appointment
20 of counsel at any stage of the case "if the interests of justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Rules
21 Governing Section 2254 Cases. In the present case, the court does not find that the interests of
22 justice would be served by the appointment of counsel at the present time. Accordingly, IT IS
23 HEREBY ORDERED that petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is denied.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 **Dated: April 27, 2006**
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/s/ Sandra M. Snyder
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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