

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

9 JOSEPH R. PULLIAM, CASE NO. 1:07-cv-964-LJO-MJS (PC)
10 Plaintiff,
11 v.
12 M. LOZANO, et al.,
13 Defendants.
ORDER GRANTING IN PART AND
DENYING IN PART PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR A SUBPOENA DUCES
TECUM AND DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
TWO MOTIONS TO ENLARGE
DISCOVERY
(ECF Nos. 55, 56)

INTRODUCTION

18 Plaintiff Joseph R. Pulliam (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in
19 forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The action proceeds
20 on Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint, filed February 2, 2009, against Defendants Lozano
21 and Mason for Eighth Amendment violations. (ECF No. 23.)

22 On December 20, 2010, Plaintiff filed a Motion to Compel Production of Documents.
23 (ECF No. 40.) On January 31, 2011, the Court responded to Plaintiff's Motion by ordering
24 Defendants to further respond to Plaintiff's earlier request to produce or demonstrate that
25 they did not have possession, custody or control of the requested documents. (ECF No.
26 46.)

27 On February 9, 2011, Defendants Lozano and Mason filed a further response which
28 satisfied the Court that Defendants did not have the requested documents. (ECF No. 47.)

1 Accordingly, on March 9, 2011, the Court denied Plaintiff's Motion to Compel, but invited
2 Plaintiff to move the Court to issue a Subpoena Duces Tecum for the documents. (ECF
3 No. 49). Plaintiff was directed, however, to include in any such Motion for a Subpoena
4 Duces Tecum a list of "the specific documents he seeks and explain why he believes that
5 they are relevant to this action." (emphasis in original) (*Id.* at 2.)

6 On March 31, 2011, the Court-ordered discovery deadline, Plaintiff filed a Motion
7 for a Subpoena Duces Tecum. (ECF No. 55) On that same date he also filed a Motion
8 to Extend the Discovery Deadline and a Motion to Alter the Limit of Interrogatories. (ECF
9 No. 56.)

10 Plaintiff's Motions for a Subpoena Duces Tecum, to Extend the Discovery Deadline,
11 and to Alter the Limit of Interrogatories are now before the Court.

12 **II. MOTION FOR A SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM**

13 Plaintiff's Motion for a Subpoena Duces Tecum consists of a list of requested
14 documents. (Mot. at 2-5.) Plaintiff does not comply with the Court's directive that he
15 specify how the requested documents may be relevant to his action. Nevertheless, review
16 of the request satisfies the Court that items lettered "A" through "J" and "S" are relevant or
17 likely to lead to the discovery of relevant evidence. Accordingly, the Court will issue a
18 subpoena for same. In all other respects, Plaintiff's Motion for a Subpoena Duces Tecum
19 is denied due to Plaintiff's failure to follow the Court's prior Order.

20 **III. MOTION TO EXTEND THE DISCOVERY DEADLINE**

21 Plaintiff asks the Court to extend the discovery deadline in this case because his
22 appeal of a denial of his Motion for Appointment of Counsel was still pending when the
23 discovery deadline expired. (Mot. at 2.) However, that appeal ultimately was dismissed
24 on April 19, 2011 for lack of jurisdiction. (ECF No. 57.)

25 Pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(b)(4), the Court can modify a discovery schedule
26 "only for good cause." Here, Plaintiff has failed to show good cause. The basis for his
27 request was the pendency of an appeal which has since been dismissed. Given that
28 dismissal, neither the appeal nor the issues raised therein can be said to have had any

1 effect on discovery.

2 Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Extend the Discovery Deadline will be denied.

3 **IV. MOTION TO ALTER THE LIMIT OF INTERROGATORIES**

4 Plaintiff also asks the Court for leave to serve additional interrogatories pursuant to
5 Fed. R. Civ. P. 33. Plaintiff fails to offer any explanation as to why he might feel he needs
6 additional interrogatories and why he should be given leave to serve more than 25 written
7 interrogatories on Defendants. He has failed to show good cause for extending the limit.

8 Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion to Alter the Limit of Interrogatories will be denied.

9 **V. CONCLUSION AND ORDER**

10 Based on the foregoing, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 11 1. Plaintiff's Motion for a Subpoena Duces Tecum (ECF No. 55) is GRANTED
12 as to items lettered "A" through "J" and "S" in his motion (ECF No. 55) ; a
13 Subpoena shall be issued fifteen days after entry of this Order and will be
14 served by the U.S. Marshall on Kelly Harrington, Warden of Kern Valley
15 State Prison; in all other respects the Motion is DENIED; and
- 16 2. Plaintiff's Motion to Extend the Discovery Deadline and his Motion to Alter
17 the Limit of Interrogatories (ECF No. 56) is DENIED.

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21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

22 Dated: September 12, 2011

23 */s/ Michael J. Seng*
24 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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