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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TOMMY URIOSTE,

1:07-cv-01164-LJO-SMS (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER REQUIRING RESPONDENT TO FILE RESPONSE

v.

ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE:  
ANSWER DUE WITHIN 90 DAYS,  
TRAVERSE DUE 30 DAYS THEREAFTER;  
MOTION TO DISMISS, IF ANY, DUE  
WITHIN 60 DAYS, OPPOSITION DUE 18  
DAYS THEREAFTER

MENDOZA-POWERS, Warden

Respondent.

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO  
SERVE DOCUMENTS ON ATTORNEY  
GENERAL

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Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

The Court has conducted a preliminary review of the Petition. Accordingly, pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,<sup>1</sup> the Court HEREBY ORDERS:

- 1. Respondent SHALL SUBMIT a RESPONSIVE pleading by filing one of the following:

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<sup>1</sup>The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure are “applicable to habeas corpus proceedings to the extent that the practice in such proceedings are not set forth in the statutes of the United States and has heretofore conformed to the practice of civil actions.” Fed.R.Civ.P. 81(a)(2). Rule 11 also provides “the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, to the extent that they are not inconsistent with these rules, may be applied, when appropriate, to the petitions filed under these rules.” Rule 11, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases.

1 A. AN ANSWER addressing the merits of the Petition and due within  
2 **NINETY (90)** days of the *date of service* of this order. Rule 4, Rules  
3 Governing Section 2254 Cases; Cluchette v. Rushen, 770 F.2d 1469,  
4 1473-1474 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1985) (court has discretion to fix time for filing an  
5 Answer.).

6 – Respondent SHALL INCLUDE with the Answer any and all  
7 transcripts or other documents necessary for the resolution of the  
8 issues presented in the Petition. Rule 5 of the Rules Governing  
9 Section 2254 Cases.

10 – Any argument by Respondent that Petitioner has *procedurally*  
11 *defaulted* a claim(s) SHALL BE MADE in an ANSWER that also  
12 addresses the merits of the claims asserted. This is to enable the  
13 Court to determine whether Petitioner meets an exception to  
14 procedural default. See, Paradis v. Arave, 130 F.3d 385, 396 (9<sup>th</sup>  
15 Cir. 1997) (Procedurally defaulted claims may be reviewed on the  
16 merits to serve the ends of justice); Jones v. Delo, 56 F.3d 878 (8<sup>th</sup>  
17 Cir. 1995) (the answer to the question that it is more likely than not  
18 that no reasonable juror fairly considering all the evidence,  
19 including the new evidence, would have found Petitioner guilty  
20 beyond a reasonable doubt necessarily requires a review of the  
21 merits).

22 – Petitioner’s TRAVERSE, if any, is due **THIRTY (30)** days from  
23 the date Respondent’s Answer is filed with the Court.

24 B. A MOTION TO DISMISS due within **SIXTY(60)** days of the *date of*  
25 *service* of this order based on the following grounds:<sup>2</sup>

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27 <sup>2</sup>Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases provides that upon the court’s determination that  
28 summary dismissal is inappropriate, the “judge shall order the respondent to file an answer or *other pleading . . . or to take such other action as the judge deems appropriate.*” Rule 4, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (emphasis added); see, also, Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 and 5 of Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (stating that a

- 1 i. EXHAUSTION - 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(1). A Motion to Dismiss  
2 for Petitioner's failure to exhaust state court remedies SHALL  
3 INCLUDE copies of all the Petitioner's state court filings and  
4 dispositive rulings relevant to the examination of the statute  
5 limitations issue as required by Ford v. Hubbard, 330 F.3d 1086  
6 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003) and Kelly v. Small, 315 F.3d 1063 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2003);
- 7 ii. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1). A  
8 Motion to Dismiss the Petition as filed beyond the one year  
9 limitations period SHALL INCLUDE copies of all Petitioner's  
10 state court filings and dispositive rulings.
- 11 iii. SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE Petitions - 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). A  
12 Motion to Dismiss the Petition on the basis of § 2244(b) SHALL  
13 include a copy of the previously filed federal Petition and  
14 disposition thereof.

15 2. OPPOSITIONS to Motions to Dismiss SHALL be served and filed within  
16 EIGHTEEN (18) days, plus three days for mailing. All other Oppositions SHALL  
17 be served and filed within EIGHT (8) days, plus three days for mailing. REPLIES  
18 to Oppositions to Motions to Dismiss SHALL be served and filed within eight (8)  
19 days, plus three days for mailing. Replies to Oppositions to all other Motions  
20 SHALL be served and filed within eight (8) days, plus three days for mailing. If  
21 no opposition is filed, all motions are deemed submitted at the expiration of the  
22 opposition period.

23 3. Unless already submitted, both Respondent and Petitioner SHALL COMPLETE  
24 and RETURN to the Court along with the Response or Motion to Dismiss, a  
25 Consent form indicating whether the party consents or declines to consent to the  
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27 dismissal may obviate the need for filing an answer on the substantive merits of the petition and that the Attorney  
28 General may file a Motion to Dismiss for failure to exhaust.); also, White v. Lewis, 874 F.2d 599, 60203 (9<sup>th</sup>  
Cir.1989) (providing that Motions to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 are proper in a federal habeas proceeding.)

1 jurisdiction of a the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C.  
2 § 636(c)(1).

3 4. RESPONDENT SHALL submit a Notice of Appearance as attorney of record  
4 within **SIXTY (60)** days of the date of service of this order for purposes of service  
5 of court orders. See, Local Rule 83-182(a), 5-135(c).

6 5. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to SERVE a copy of this order along with a  
7 copy of the PETITION and any exhibits/attachments, on the Attorney General or  
8 his representative.<sup>3</sup>

9 All motions shall be submitted on the record and briefs filed without oral argument unless  
10 otherwise ordered by the Court. Local Rule 78-230(h). All provisions of Local Rule 11-110 are  
11 applicable to this order.

12 IT IS SO ORDERED.

13 **Dated:** August 15, 2007

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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<sup>3</sup> Respondent is advised that a scanned copy of the petition for writ of habeas corpus is available through the Court's Electronic Case Filing System ("CM/ECF").