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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

REGINALD COLBERT,

Plaintiff,

v.

LT. ROMAN-MARIN, et al.,

Defendants.

CASE NO. 1:07-cv-01280-LJO-NEW (DLB) PC

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
RECOMMENDING DISMISSAL OF ACTION,
WITHOUT PREJUDICE, FOR FAILURE TO
EXHAUST

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OBJECTIONS DUE WITHIN THIRTY DAYS

Plaintiff Reginald Colbert (“plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff filed this action on September 4, 2007.

Pursuant to the Prison Litigation Reform Act of 1995, “[n]o action shall be brought with respect to prison conditions under [42 U.S.C. § 1983], or any other Federal law, by a prisoner confined in any jail, prison, or other correctional facility until such administrative remedies as are available are exhausted.” 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a). Prisoners must complete the prison’s administrative process, regardless of the relief sought by the prisoner and regardless of the relief offered by the process, as long as the administrative process can provide some sort of relief on the complaint stated. Booth v. Churner, 532 U.S. 731, 741 (2001). The section 1997e(a) exhaustion requirement applies to all prisoner suits relating to prison life, Porter v. Nussle, 435 U.S. 516, 532 (2002), and exhaustion must occur prior to filing suit, McKinney v. Carey, 311 F.3d 1198, 1199-1201 (9th Cir. 2002).

1 In his complaint, plaintiff alleges that the administrative remedy process is not yet
2 complete because he is still waiting for the third level response. “[E]xhaustion is mandatory
3 under the PLRA and . . . unexhausted claims cannot be brought in court.” Jones v. Bock, 127
4 S.Ct. 910, 918-19 (2007) (citing Porter, 435 U.S. at 524). In this instance, plaintiff has not yet
5 completed the administrative remedy process. Because is it clear from the face of plaintiff’s
6 complaint that he did not exhaust prior to filing suit, this action must be dismissed. 42 U.S.C. §
7 1997e(a); Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d 1108, 1120 (9th Cir. 2003) (“A prisoner’s concession to
8 nonexhaustion is a valid grounds for dismissal . . .”). Accordingly, it is HEREBY
9 RECOMMENDED that this action be dismissed, without prejudice, based on plaintiff’s failure to
10 comply with 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a) by exhausting his claims prior to filing suit.

11 These Findings and Recommendations will be submitted to the United States District
12 Judge assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of Title 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within
13 **thirty (30) days** after being served with these Findings and Recommendations, plaintiff may file
14 written objections with the court. The document should be captioned “Objections to Magistrate
15 Judge’s Findings and Recommendations.” Plaintiff is advised that failure to file objections
16 within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court’s order. Martinez v.
17 Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

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19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 **Dated: September 10, 2007**

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE