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**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

Michael Lenoir Smith,	)	No. CV 1-07-1547-SRB
Plaintiff,	)	<b>ORDER</b>
vs.	)	
Arnold Schwarzenegger, et al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

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Plaintiff Michael Lenoir Smith, who is confined in the California State Prison in Corcoran, California, filed a *pro se* civil rights Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and later filed an Amended Complaint (Doc. 4). On February 9, 2009, the Court dismissed the Amended Complaint with leave to amend. On February 27, 2009, Plaintiff filed a Second Amended Complaint (Doc. 21). On March 31, 2009, the Court dismissed the Second Amended Complaint and this action (Doc. 24).

On April 6, 2009, Plaintiff filed a Notice of Appeal to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals (Doc. 26). On May 22, 2009, the Ninth Circuit issued a memorandum decision, affirming in part and vacating in part the Court’s dismissal, and remanding the action to this Court (Doc. 30).

**I. Ninth Circuit Memorandum Decision**

In its memorandum, the Ninth Circuit concluded that the Court properly dismissed Count II of the Second Amended Complaint and the portions of Counts I and III in which

1 Plaintiff sought to represent other inmates. However, the Ninth Circuit concluded that the  
2 dismissal of Plaintiff’s medical claims, for which Plaintiff was representing himself, was in  
3 error because “it is not beyond doubt that Smith could prove no set of facts in support of his  
4 claims that would entitle[] him to relief.” The Ninth Circuit therefore vacated in part and  
5 remanded “to allow Smith the opportunity to amend his complaint to allege facts  
6 demonstrating that the defendants are aware of a substantial risk to Smith’s health and have  
7 not taken action to prevent or minimize that risk.”

8 **II. Leave to File a Third Amended Complaint**

9 Within 30 days, Plaintiff may submit a third amended complaint on the form provided  
10 with this Order. **Plaintiff must limit his third amended complaint to his individual**  
11 **health claims. Plaintiff may not raise claims for other inmates and may not present new**  
12 **claims.** If Plaintiff fails to use the form provided with this Order, the Court may strike the  
13 third amended complaint and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

14 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the “Third  
15 Amended Complaint.” The third amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its  
16 entirety on the form provided with this Order and may not incorporate any part of the original  
17 or Amended Complaints by reference.

18 Plaintiff must comply with the instructions provided with the form. Plaintiff should  
19 pay close attention to the instructions provided with the form. If Plaintiff fails to comply  
20 with the instructions provided with the form, the Court may strike the third amended  
21 complaint and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

22 Among other requirements contained in the instructions, Plaintiff is advised that the  
23 instructions require him to provide information regarding the Court’s jurisdiction, provide  
24 information about the defendants, and divide his lawsuit into separate counts. In each count,  
25 Plaintiff must identify what federal constitutional civil right was violated, identify the issue  
26 most closely involved in that count, state which defendants violated that right and what those  
27 defendants did to violate that right, explain how Plaintiff was injured by the alleged violation  
28 of the constitutional right, and identify whether Plaintiff has exhausted any available

1 administrative remedies. Plaintiff must repeat this process for each civil right that was  
2 violated. Plaintiff may allege only one claim per count.

3 A third amended complaint supersedes the original and amended complaints. Ferdik  
4 v. Bonzelet, 963 F.2d 1258, 1262 (9th Cir. 1992); Hal Roach Studios v. Richard Feiner &  
5 Co., 896 F.2d 1542, 1546 (9th Cir. 1990). After amendment, the Court will treat the original  
6 and amended complaints as nonexistent. Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1262. Any cause of action that  
7 was raised in the original or amended complaint is waived if it is not raised in a third  
8 amended complaint. King v. Atiyeh, 814 F.2d 565, 567 (9th Cir. 1987).

### 9 **III. Warnings**

#### 10 **A. Address Changes**

11 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule  
12 83-182(f) and 83-183(b) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include  
13 a motion for other relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in  
14 dismissal of this action.

#### 15 **B. Copies**

16 Plaintiff must submit an additional copy of every filing for use by the Court. See  
17 LRCiv 5-133(d)(2). Failure to comply may result in the filing being stricken without further  
18 notice to Plaintiff.

#### 19 **C. Possible “Strike”**

20 Because the Second Amended Complaint has been dismissed for failure to state a  
21 claim, if Plaintiff fails to file a third amended complaint correcting the deficiencies identified  
22 in this Order, the dismissal will count as a “strike” under the “3-strikes” provision of 28  
23 U.S.C. § 1915(g). Under the 3-strikes provision, a prisoner may not bring a civil action or  
24 appeal a civil judgment *in forma pauperis* under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 “if the prisoner has, on  
25 3 or more prior occasions, while incarcerated or detained in any facility, brought an action  
26 or appeal in a court of the United States that was dismissed on the grounds that it is frivolous,  
27 malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, unless the prisoner is  
28 under imminent danger of serious physical injury.” 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).

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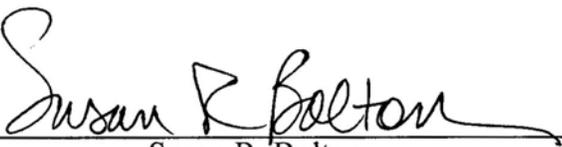
**D. Possible Dismissal**

If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the Court).

**IT IS ORDERED:**

- (1) Plaintiff has **30 days** from the date this Order is filed to file a third amended complaint in compliance with this Order.
- (2) If Plaintiff fails to file a third amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with prejudice that states that the dismissal counts as a “strike” under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g).
- (3) The Clerk of Court must include with this Order a copy of this judge’s required form for filing a civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

DATED this 2<sup>nd</sup> day of September, 2010.

  
\_\_\_\_\_  
Susan R. Bolton  
United States District Judge

## **Instructions for a Prisoner Filing a Civil Rights Complaint in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California**

1. Who May Use This Form. The civil rights complaint form is designed to help incarcerated persons prepare a complaint seeking relief for a violation of their federal civil rights. These complaints typically concern, but are not limited to, conditions of confinement. **This form should not be used to challenge your conviction or sentence.** If you want to challenge a state conviction or sentence, you should file a petition under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in state custody. If you want to challenge a federal conviction or sentence, you should file a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255 to vacate sentence in the federal court that entered the judgment.
2. The Form. The form must be typed or neatly handwritten. The form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. All questions must be answered clearly and concisely in the appropriate space on the form. If needed, you may attach additional pages, **but no more than fifteen additional pages**, of standard letter-sized paper. You must identify which part of the complaint is being continued and number all pages. If you do not fill out the form properly, you will be asked to submit additional or corrected information, which may delay the processing of your action. You do not need to cite law.
3. Your Signature. You must tell the truth and sign the form. If you make a false statement of a material fact, you may be prosecuted for perjury.
4. The Filing Fee. The filing fee for this action is \$350.00. If you are unable to immediately pay the filing fee, you may request leave to proceed *in forma pauperis*. Please review the “Information for Prisoners Seeking Leave to Proceed with a (Non-Habeas) Civil Action in Federal Court *In Forma Pauperis* Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915” for additional instructions.
5. Original and Judge’s Copy. You must send an **original plus one copy** of your complaint and of any other documents submitted to the Court. You must send one additional copy to the Court if you wish to have a file-stamped copy of the document returned to you. All copies must be identical to the original. Copies may be legibly handwritten.
6. Change of Address. You must immediately notify the Court and the defendants in writing of any change in your mailing address. **Failure to notify the Court of any change in your mailing address may result in the dismissal of your case.**
7. Certificate of Service. You must furnish the defendants with a copy of any document you submit to the Court (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*). Each original document (except the initial complaint and application to proceed *in forma pauperis*) must include a certificate of service on the last page of the document stating the date a copy of the document was mailed to the defendants and the address to which it was mailed. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(a), (d). Any document received by the Court that does not include a certificate of service may be stricken. A certificate of service should be in the following form:

I hereby certify that a copy of the foregoing document was mailed this \_\_\_\_\_ (month, day, year) to:

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Attorney for Defendant(s)

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Signature)

8. Amended Complaint. If you need to change any of the information in the initial complaint, you must file an amended complaint. The amended complaint must be written on the court-approved civil rights complaint form. You may file one amended complaint without leave (permission) of Court before any defendant has answered your original complaint. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a). After any defendant has filed an answer, you must file a motion for leave to amend and lodge (submit) a proposed amended complaint. In addition, an amended complaint may not incorporate by reference any part of your prior complaint. **Any allegations or defendants not included in the amended complaint are considered dismissed.** All amended complaints are subject to screening under the Prison Litigation Reform Act; screening your amendment will take additional processing time.

9. Exhibits. You should not submit exhibits with the complaint or amended complaint. Instead, the relevant information should be paraphrased. You should keep the exhibits to use to support or oppose a motion to dismiss, a motion for summary judgment, or at trial.

10. Letters and Motions. It is generally inappropriate to write a letter to any judge or the staff of any judge. The only appropriate way to communicate with the Court is by filing a written pleading or motion.

11. Completing the Civil Rights Complaint Form.

**HEADING:**

1. Your Name. Print your name, prison or inmate number, and institutional mailing address on the lines provided.

2. Defendants. If there are **four or fewer** defendants, print the name of each. If you name **more than four** defendants, print the name of the first defendant on the first line, write the words “and others” on the second line, and attach an additional page listing the names of **all** of the defendants. Insert the additional page after page 1 and number it “1-A” at the bottom.

3. Jury Demand. If you want a jury trial, you must write “JURY TRIAL DEMANDED” in the space below “CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT BY A PRISONER.” Failure to do so may result in the loss of the right to a jury trial. A jury trial is not available if you are seeking only injunctive relief.

**Part A. JURISDICTION:**

1. Nature of Suit. Mark whether you are filing the complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 for state, county, or city defendants; “Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents” for

federal defendants; or “other.” If you mark “other,” identify the source of that authority.

2. Location. Identify the institution and city where the alleged violation of your rights occurred.

3. Defendants. Print all of the requested information about each of the defendants in the spaces provided. If you are naming more than four defendants, you must provide the necessary information about each additional defendant on separate pages labeled “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom. Insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

#### **Part B. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS:**

You must identify any other lawsuit you have filed in either state or federal court while you were a prisoner. Print all of the requested information about each lawsuit in the spaces provided. If you have filed more than three lawsuits, you must provide the necessary information about each additional lawsuit on a separate page. Label the page(s) as “2-A,” “2-B,” etc., at the bottom of the page and insert the additional page(s) immediately behind page 2.

#### **Part C. CAUSE OF ACTION:**

You must identify what rights each defendant violated. The form provides space to allege three separate counts (**one violation per count**). If you are alleging more than three counts, you must provide the necessary information about each additional count on a separate page. Number the additional pages “5-A,” “5-B,” etc., and insert them immediately behind page 5. Remember that you are limited to a total of fifteen additional pages.

1. Counts. You must identify which civil right was violated. **You may allege the violation of only one civil right per count.**

2. Issue Involved. Check the box that most closely identifies the issue involved in your claim. **You may check only one box per count.** If you check the box marked “Other,” you must identify the specific issue involved.

3. Supporting Facts. After you have identified which civil right was violated, you must state the supporting facts. Be as specific as possible. You must state what each individual defendant did to violate your rights. If there is more than one defendant, you must identify which defendant did what act. You also should state the date(s) on which the act(s) occurred, if possible.

4. Injury. State precisely how you were injured by the alleged violation of your rights.

5. Administrative Remedies. You must exhaust any available administrative remedies before you file a civil rights complaint. See 42 U.S.C. § 1997e. Consequently, you should disclose whether you have exhausted the inmate grievance procedures or administrative appeals for each count in your complaint. If the grievance procedures were not available for any of your counts, fully explain why on the lines provided.

**Part D. REQUEST FOR RELIEF:**

Print the relief you are seeking in the space provided.

**SIGNATURE:**

You must sign your name and print the date you signed the complaint. Failure to sign the complaint will delay the processing of your action. Unless you are an attorney, you may not bring an action on behalf of anyone but yourself.

**FINAL NOTE**

You should follow these instructions carefully. Failure to do so may result in your complaint being stricken or dismissed. All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number the pages.

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Name and Prisoner/Booking Number

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Place of Confinement

\_\_\_\_\_  
Mailing Address

\_\_\_\_\_  
City, State, Zip Code

**(Failure to notify the Court of your change of address may result in dismissal of this action.)**

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Plaintiff)                      Plaintiff,

vs.

**CASE NO.** \_\_\_\_\_  
(To be supplied by the Clerk)

(1) \_\_\_\_\_  
(Full Name of Defendant)

(2) \_\_\_\_\_

(3) \_\_\_\_\_

(4) \_\_\_\_\_

Defendant(s).

Check if there are additional Defendants and attach page 1-A listing them.

**CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINT  
BY A PRISONER**

- Original Complaint
- First Amended Complaint
- Second Amended Complaint

**A. JURISDICTION**

1. This Court has jurisdiction over this action pursuant to:
  - 28 U.S.C. § 1343(a); 42 U.S.C. § 1983
  - 28 U.S.C. § 1331; Bivens v. Six Unknown Federal Narcotics Agents, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).
  - Other: \_\_\_\_\_

2. Institution/city where violation occurred: \_\_\_\_\_

**B. DEFENDANTS**

- 1. Name of first Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The first Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
- 2. Name of second Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The second Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
- 3. Name of third Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The third Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)
- 4. Name of fourth Defendant: \_\_\_\_\_ . The fourth Defendant is employed as:  
\_\_\_\_\_ at \_\_\_\_\_ .  
(Position and Title) (Institution)

**If you name more than four Defendants, answer the questions listed above for each additional Defendant on a separate page.**

**C. PREVIOUS LAWSUITS**

- 1. Have you filed any other lawsuits while you were a prisoner?  Yes  No
- 2. If yes, how many lawsuits have you filed? \_\_\_\_\_. Describe the previous lawsuits:
  - a. First prior lawsuit:
    - 1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_
  - b. Second prior lawsuit:
    - 1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_
  - c. Third prior lawsuit:
    - 1. Parties: \_\_\_\_\_ v. \_\_\_\_\_
    - 2. Court and case number: \_\_\_\_\_
    - 3. Result: (Was the case dismissed? Was it appealed? Is it still pending?) \_\_\_\_\_

**If you filed more than three lawsuits, answer the questions listed above for each additional lawsuit on a separate page.**





**COUNT III**

1. State the constitutional or other federal civil right that was violated: \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

2. **Count III.** Identify the issue involved. Check **only one**. State additional issues in separate counts.

<input type="checkbox"/> Basic necessities	<input type="checkbox"/> Mail	<input type="checkbox"/> Access to the court	<input type="checkbox"/> Medical care
<input type="checkbox"/> Disciplinary proceedings	<input type="checkbox"/> Property	<input type="checkbox"/> Exercise of religion	<input type="checkbox"/> Retaliation
<input type="checkbox"/> Excessive force by an officer	<input type="checkbox"/> Threat to safety	<input type="checkbox"/> Other: _____.	

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count III. Describe exactly what **each Defendant** did or did not do that violated your rights. State the facts clearly in your own words without citing legal authority or arguments.

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4. **Injury.** State how you were injured by the actions or inactions of the Defendant(s).

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5. **Administrative Remedies.**

a. Are there any administrative remedies (grievance procedures or administrative appeals) available at your institution?  Yes  No

b. Did you submit a request for administrative relief on Count III?  Yes  No

c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count III to the highest level?  Yes  No

d. If you did not submit or appeal a request for administrative relief at any level, briefly explain why you did not. \_\_\_\_\_  
\_\_\_\_\_.

If you assert more than three Counts, answer the questions listed above for each additional Count on a separate page.

**E. REQUEST FOR RELIEF**

State the relief you are seeking:

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I declare under penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and correct.

Executed on \_\_\_\_\_  
DATE

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SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF

\_\_\_\_\_  
(Name and title of paralegal, legal assistant, or other person who helped prepare this complaint)

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(Signature of attorney, if any)

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(Attorney's address & telephone number)

**ADDITIONAL PAGES**

All questions must be answered concisely in the proper space on the form. If you need more space, you may attach no more than fifteen additional pages. But the form must be completely filled in to the extent applicable. If you attach additional pages, be sure to identify which section of the complaint is being continued and number all pages.