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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARTY GLEN ALLEN,

1:07-cv-01751 LJO DLB (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER REQUIRING RESPONDENT TO FILE
RESPONSE

v.

ORDER SETTING BRIEFING SCHEDULE

J. WALKER,

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK OF COURT TO
SERVE DOCUMENTS ON ATTORNEY
GENERAL

Respondent.

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

Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases and Rule 16 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure,¹ the Court HEREBY ORDERS:

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

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

¹The 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 Answer.).

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

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

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

20 B. A MOTION TO DISMISS due within **SIXTY(60)** days of the *date of*
21 *service* of this order based on the following grounds:²

22 i. EXHAUSTION - 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(1). A Motion to Dismiss
23 for Petitioner’s failure to exhaust state court remedies SHALL
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25 ²Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases provides that upon the court’s determination that
26 summary dismissal is inappropriate, the “judge shall order the respondent to file an answer or *other pleading . . . or*
27 *to take such other action as the judge deems appropriate.*” Rule 4, Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (emphasis
28 added); see, also, Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 and 5 of Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases (stating that a
dismissal may obviate the need for filing an answer on the substantive merits of the petition and that the Attorney
General may file a Motion to Dismiss for failure to exhaust.); also, White v. Lewis, 874 F.2d 599, 60203 (9th
Cir.1989) (providing that Motions to Dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 are proper in a federal habeas proceeding.)

1 INCLUDE copies of all the Petitioner's state court filings and
2 dispositive rulings relevant to the examination of the statute
3 limitations issue as required by Ford v. Hubbard, 330 F.3d 1086
4 (9th Cir. 2003) and Kelly v. Small, 315 F.3d 1063 (9th Cir. 2003);

5 ii. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS - 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1). A
6 Motion to Dismiss the Petition as filed beyond the one year
7 limitations period SHALL INCLUDE copies of all Petitioner's
8 state court filings and dispositive rulings.

9 iii. SECOND OR SUCCESSIVE Petitions - 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b). A
10 Motion to Dismiss the Petition on the basis of § 2244(b) SHALL
11 include a copy of the previously filed federal Petition and
12 disposition thereof.

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

21 3. Unless already submitted, both Respondent and Petitioner SHALL COMPLETE
22 and RETURN to the Court along with the Response or Motion to Dismiss, a
23 Consent form indicating whether the party consents or declines to consent to the
24 jurisdiction of a the United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to Title 28 U.S.C.
25 § 636(c)(1).

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

1 5. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to SERVE a copy of this order along with a
2 copy of the PETITION and any exhibits/attachments, on the Attorney General or
3 his representative.³

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

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: December 10, 2007

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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³ 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").