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Andrew Lopez, ) No. CV 1-07-1765-FRZ  
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Plaintiff, ) **ORDER**  
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vs. )  
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F. Yamat, et al., )  
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Defendants. )

On December 5, 2007, Plaintiff Andrew Lopez, who is confined in the Corcoran State Prison in Corcoran, California, filed a *pro se* civil rights Complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 (Doc. #1) and a Request for Expedited Preliminary Injunction (Doc. #2). On January 4, 2008, Plaintiff filed a “Request for Ruling on Preliminary Injunction; Notice of Intentional Obstruction, and Request for Court to Ask Counsel to Assist Me” (Doc. #6).

On January 28, 2008, United States Magistrate Judge Gary S. Austin issued an Order (Doc. #9) denying Plaintiff's request for counsel. On February 6, 2008, Plaintiff filed a "Request for Order Requiring Preservation of Evidence in Defendant's Possession, Custody or Control" (Doc. #11).

In an April 11, 2008 Order (Doc. #14), Magistrate Judge Austin dismissed Plaintiff's Complaint because Plaintiff had failed to comply with Rule 8 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and gave Plaintiff 30 days to submit an amended complaint that cured the

1 deficiencies identified in the Order and complied with Rule 8. On April 11, 2008, Magistrate  
2 Judge Austin also issued a Findings and Recommendation (Doc. #15), recommending that  
3 the Court deny Plaintiff's December 5, 2007 Request for Expedited Preliminary Injunction  
4 and Plaintiff's February 6, 2008 Request for Order Requiring Preservation of Evidence.  
5 United States District Court Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill issued an Order (Doc. #17) adopting  
6 the Findings and Recommendation and denying Plaintiff's two requests.

7 On April 25, 2008, Plaintiff filed "Plaintiff's Objections to Magistrate Judge's Order  
8 Dismissing Complaint for Failure to Comply with Rule 8; Request for Stay of Order and,  
9 Extend if Necessary; and, Request for Court to Utilize Discretion, Authorized by 28 U.S.C.  
10 § 1915, and Ask Counsel to Assist Me" (Doc. #16). In a July 15, 2008 Order (Doc. #18),  
11 Magistrate Judge Austin addressed Plaintiff's objections, granted Plaintiff additional time  
12 to file an amended complaint, and denied his request that the Court ask counsel to assist  
13 Plaintiff.

14 On August 29, 2008, Plaintiff filed "Plaintiff's Request for United States District  
15 Judge to Rule on Objections at Docket Number 16 and to Strike Docket Number 18; and for  
16 a Request for Counsel to be Asked to Assist" (Doc. #19). On September 19, 2008, Plaintiff  
17 filed "Plaintiff's Request for this Court to Utilize its Authorized Discretion and Ask Counsel  
18 to Assist and Recent Reasons Justifying this Renewed Request and, also, Justifying Renewed  
19 Request for Orders for the Preservation of Evidence" (Doc. #20). On October 2, 2008,  
20 Plaintiff filed his First Amended Complaint (Doc. #21).

21 This case was reassigned to the undersigned judge on November 26, 2008 (Doc. #22).

## 22 **II. Plaintiff's August 29, 2008 Request (Doc. #19)**

23 In his August 29, 2008 Request (Doc. #19), Plaintiff requests that the Court rule on  
24 the objections contained in his April 25th filing because he did not consent to proceed before  
25 a magistrate judge and he is entitled to have a district court judge rule on his objections.  
26 Plaintiff requests the Court strike Magistrate Judge Austin's July 15th Order, ask counsel to  
27 assist Plaintiff, and grant the requests in documents #2 and #11.

1 To the extent Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of Magistrate Judge Austin’s July 15th  
2 Order, the Court notes that “[m]otions to reconsider are appropriate only in rare  
3 circumstances.” Defenders of Wildlife v. Browner, 909 F. Supp. 1342, 1351 (D. Ariz. 1995).  
4 “Reconsideration is appropriate if the district court (1) is presented with newly discovered  
5 evidence, (2) committed clear error or the initial decision was manifestly unjust, or (3) if  
6 there is an intervening change in controlling law.” School Dist. No. 1J, Multnomah County  
7 v. ACandS, Inc., 5 F.3d 1255, 1263 (9th Cir. 1993). “The purpose of a motion for  
8 reconsideration is to correct manifest errors of law or fact or to present newly discovered  
9 evidence.” Harsco Corp. v. Zlotnicki, 779 F.2d 906, 909 (3d Cir. 1985). Such motions  
10 should not be used for the purpose of asking a court “to rethink what the court had already  
11 thought through — rightly or wrongly.” Defenders of Wildlife, 909 F. Supp. at 1351  
12 (quoting Above the Belt, Inc. v. Mel Bohannon Roofing, Inc., 99 F.R.D. 99, 101 (E.D. Va.  
13 1983)).

14 The Court has considered Magistrate Judge Austin’s Order dismissing the Complaint  
15 for failure to comply with Rule 8, Plaintiff’s April 25th Objections, Magistrate Judge  
16 Austin’s July 15th Order, and the arguments Plaintiff has presented in his August 29th  
17 Request. The Court concludes that Magistrate Judge Austin correctly dismissed the  
18 Complaint for failure to comply with Rule 8 and correctly rejected Plaintiff’s April 25th  
19 Objections. There is no basis for altering those Orders. The Court, therefore, declines to  
20 strike Magistrate Judge Austin’s July 15th Order.

21 To the extent Plaintiff seeks to have the Court ask counsel to assist Plaintiff, the Court  
22 will deny that request. To the extent Plaintiff seeks reconsideration of Judge O’Neill’s denial  
23 of Plaintiff’s requests in documents #2 and #11, the Court finds no basis to alter Judge  
24 O’Neill’s rulings.

25 Plaintiff’s August 29, 2008 Request (Doc. #19), therefore, is denied in its entirety.

### 26 **III. Statutory Screening of Prisoner Complaints**

27 The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against  
28 a governmental entity or an officer or an employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C.

1 § 1915A(a). The Court must dismiss a complaint or portion thereof if a plaintiff has raised  
2 claims that are legally frivolous or malicious, that fail to state a claim upon which relief may  
3 be granted, or that seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.  
4 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2). If the Court determines that a pleading could be cured by the  
5 allegation of other facts, a *pro se* litigant is entitled to an opportunity to amend a complaint  
6 before dismissal of the action. See Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1127-29 (9th Cir. 2000)  
7 (*en banc*).

8 The Court should not, however, advise the litigant how to cure the defects. This type  
9 of advice “would undermine district judges’ role as impartial decisionmakers.” Pliler v.  
10 Ford, 542 U.S. 225, 231 (2004); see also Lopez, 203 F.3d at 1131 n.13 (declining to decide  
11 whether the court was required to inform a litigant of deficiencies). Plaintiff’s First  
12 Amended Complaint will be dismissed with leave to amend because the First Amended  
13 Complaint may possibly be saved by amendment.

14 Rule 8(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure requires a “short and plain statement  
15 of the claim.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 8(a)(2). Rule 8(d)(1) states that “[e]ach allegation must be  
16 simple, concise, and direct.” A complaint having the factual elements of a cause of action  
17 scattered throughout the complaint and not organized into a “short and plain statement of the  
18 claim” may be dismissed for failure to satisfy Rule 8(a). See Sparling v. Hoffman Constr.  
19 Co., 864 F.2d 635, 640 (9th Cir. 1988); see also McHenry v. Renne, 84 F.3d 1172 (9th Cir.  
20 1996). Rule 10(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure also requires a plaintiff to state  
21 claims in “numbered paragraphs, each limited as far as practicable to a single set of  
22 circumstances.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(b). Moreover, “[i]f doing so would promote clarity, each  
23 claim founded on a separate transaction or occurrence . . . must be stated in a separate count.”  
24 Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(b). It is not the responsibility of the Court to review a rambling narrative  
25 in an attempt to determine the number and nature of a plaintiff’s claims.

26 The Court has reviewed Plaintiff’s First Amended Complaint and concludes that the  
27 84-page, 199-paragraph First Amended Complaint utterly fails to comply with Rules 8 and  
28 10 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. The Court notes that, despite Magistrate Judge

1 Austin's explicit instructions, Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint is more than twice as long  
2 as his original Complaint. The Court cannot meaningfully review the First Amended  
3 Complaint, as required by 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). Accordingly, the Court will dismiss the  
4 First Amended Complaint with leave to amend.

5 **IV. Plaintiff's September 19, 2008 Request (Doc. #20)**

6 In his September 19th Request, Plaintiff again requests that the Court ask counsel to  
7 assist him and requests that the Court reconsider his motions—documents #2 and #11—that  
8 were previously rejected by Judge O'Neill. The Court will deny Plaintiff's request that the  
9 Court ask counsel to assist Plaintiff and will deny Plaintiff's request that the Court reconsider  
10 Judge O'Neill's ruling on Plaintiff's prior motions. The Court finds no basis to alter Judge  
11 O'Neill's rulings. Plaintiff's September 19th Request is denied.

12 **V. Leave to Amend**

13 For the foregoing reasons, Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint will be dismissed for  
14 failure to comply with Rules 8 and 10 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Within 30  
15 days, Plaintiff may submit a second amended complaint on the form provided with this  
16 Order. If Plaintiff fails to use the form provided with this Order, the Court may strike the  
17 second amended complaint and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

18 Plaintiff must clearly designate on the face of the document that it is the "Second  
19 Amended Complaint." The second amended complaint must be retyped or rewritten in its  
20 entirety on the form provided with this Order and may not incorporate any part of the original  
21 Complaint or First Amended Complaint by reference.

22 Plaintiff must comply with the instructions provided with the form. Plaintiff should  
23 pay close attention to the instructions provided with the form. If Plaintiff fails to comply  
24 with the instructions provided with the form, the Court may strike the second amended  
25 complaint and dismiss this action without further notice to Plaintiff.

26 Among other requirements contained in the instructions, Plaintiff must provide  
27 information in a second amended complaint regarding the Court's jurisdiction and the  
28 defendants, and he must divide his lawsuit into separate counts. In each count, Plaintiff must

1 identify the federal constitutional civil right allegedly violated, check the box for the issue  
2 most closely involved, state how each defendant participated in the alleged violation at issue,  
3 explain how Plaintiff was injured by the alleged violation, and mark whether Plaintiff  
4 exhausted any available administrative remedies. Plaintiff must repeat this process for each  
5 civil rights claim. Plaintiff may allege only one claim per count.

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

## 13 **VII. Warnings**

### 14 **A. Address Changes**

15 Plaintiff must file and serve a notice of a change of address in accordance with Rule  
16 83-182(f) and 83-183(b) of the Local Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff must not include  
17 a motion for other relief with a notice of change of address. Failure to comply may result in  
18 dismissal of this action.

### 19 **B. Copies**

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

### 23 **C. Possible Dismissal**

24 If Plaintiff fails to timely comply with every provision of this Order, including these  
25 warnings, the Court may dismiss this action without further notice. See Ferdik, 963 F.2d at  
26 1260-61 (a district court may dismiss an action for failure to comply with any order of the  
27 Court).

1 **IT IS ORDERED:**

2 (1) Plaintiff's August 29, 2008 Request (Doc. #19) is **denied**.

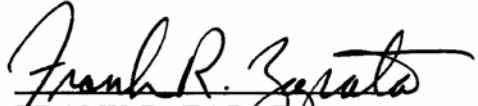
3 (2) Plaintiff's September 19, 2008 Request (Doc. #20) is **denied**.

4 (3) Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint (Doc. #21) is **dismissed** for failure to  
5 comply with Rules 8 and 10 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Plaintiff has **30 days**  
6 from the date this Order is filed to file a second amended complaint in compliance with this  
7 Order.

8 (4) If Plaintiff fails to file a second amended complaint within 30 days, the Clerk  
9 of Court must, without further notice, enter a judgment of dismissal of this action with  
10 prejudice.

11 (5) The Clerk of Court must include with this Order a copy of this judge's required  
12 form for filing a civil rights complaint by a prisoner.

13 DATED this 23<sup>rd</sup> day of January, 2009.

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18 FRANK R. ZAPATA  
19 United States District Judge  
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## **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,	)	
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vs.	)	CASE NO. _____
	)	(To be supplied by the Clerk)
(1) _____ (Full Name of Defendant)	)	
(2) _____	)	
(3) _____	)	
(4) _____	)	
Defendant(s).	)	
<input type="checkbox"/> 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.

#### D. CAUSE OF ACTION

## COUNT I

- [illegible]

## COUNT II

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

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

□ Basic necessities

☐ Mail

☐ Access to the court

☐ Medical care

☐ Disciplinary proceedings

□ Property

☐ Exercise of religion

- Retaliation

☐ Excessive force by an officer

- Threat to safety

☐ Other:

☐ Other: \_\_\_\_\_.

3. **Supporting Facts.** State as briefly as possible the FACTS supporting Count II. 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 II? ☐ Yes ☐ No

- c. Did you appeal your request for relief on Count II 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. \_\_\_\_\_

### 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.
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| <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.

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

\_\_\_\_\_  
SIGNATURE OF PLAINTIFF

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(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.