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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 RONNIE LEE FERDICK,

12 Petitioner,

13 vs.

14 M. D. McDONALD,

15 Respondent.  
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1:09-CV-00040-SMS (HC)

ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

(DOCUMENT #2)

17 Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to  
18 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

19 Petitioner has filed a motion to proceed in forma pauperis. Examination of this document  
20 reveals that petitioner is unable to afford the costs of this action. Accordingly, the motion to proceed  
21 in forma pauperis is GRANTED. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED.

23 **Dated: February 4, 2009**

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE