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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD STEVEN THOMPSON,

1:09-cv-00517-OWW-BAK (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER AUTHORIZING
IN FORMA PAUPERIS STATUS

vs.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,

Respondent.

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Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, petitioner is hereby AUTHORIZED to proceed *in forma pauperis*. The petition will be screened in due course.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 16, 2009

/s/ Gary S. Austin
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE