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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES CONRIQUEZ, JR.,)	1:09-cv-01003-SKO-HC
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Petitioner,)	ORDER SUBSTITUTING DOMINGO URIBE,
)	JR., AS RESPONDENT (DOC. 39)
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v.)	ORDER GRANTING RESPONDENT'S
)	MOTION TO DISMISS THE FOURTH AND
DOMINGO URIBE, JR., Warden,)	FIFTH CLAIMS OF THE SECOND
)	AMENDED PETITION AS UNTIMELY
Respondent.)	(DOCS. 39, 34)
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_____)	ORDER DISMISSING THE FOURTH AND
)	FIFTH CLAIMS OF THE SECOND
)	AMENDED PETITION AS UNTIMELY
)	FILED (DOC. 34)
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)	ORDER DIRECTING RESPONDENT TO
)	FILE A RESPONSE TO THE REMAINING
)	CLAIMS IN THE SECOND AMENDED
)	PETITION NO LATER THAN FORTY-FIVE
)	(45) DAYS AFTER THE DATE OF
)	SERVICE OF THIS ORDER

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. § 636(c)(1), the parties have consented to the jurisdiction of the United States Magistrate Judge to conduct all further proceedings in the case, including the entry of final judgment, by manifesting their consent in writings signed by the

1 parties or their representatives and filed by Petitioner on
2 August 24, 2009, and on behalf of Respondent on August 18, 2009.

3 Pending before the Court is Respondent's motion to dismiss
4 the fourth and fifth claims of the second amended petition (SAC),
5 which was served by mail on Petitioner at the California State
6 Prison at Centinela and filed on October 19, 2011, with
7 supporting documentation. Petitioner did not file an opposition
8 or a notice of non-opposition in response to the motion.

9 Pursuant to Local Rule 230(1), the motion is submitted to the
10 undersigned Magistrate Judge on the record and without oral
11 argument.

12 I. Substitution of Domingo Uribe, Jr., as Respondent

13 In this proceeding, the officer who has custody of the
14 petitioner must be named as the respondent. 28 U.S.C. § 2242;
15 Rule 2(a) of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United
16 States District Courts (Habeas Rules). This is because the
17 respondent must have the power or authority to provide the relief
18 to which a petitioner is entitled. Smith v. Idaho, 392 F.3d 350,
19 355 n.3 (9th Cir. 2004). A failure to name the proper respondent
20 destroys personal jurisdiction. Stanley v. California Supreme
21 Court, 21 F.3d 359, 360 (9th Cir. 1994).

22 Here, Petitioner had alleged in the first amended petition
23 that his place of confinement was the California Substance Abuse
24 Treatment Facility (CSATF) at Corcoran, California, and he named
25 as Respondent Derral G. Adams. (Doc. 34, 1.) Thereafter,
26 Petitioner filed a notice of change of address on September 9,
27 2011, reflecting that he moved to the California State Prison at
28 Centinela (CEN) in Imperial, California, as of that date. (Doc.

1 36.)

2 In the motion to dismiss, which was served and filed
3 slightly over a month after Petitioner filed the notice of change
4 of address, Respondent states that the proper Respondent is
5 Kathleen Allison, the Acting Warden of the CSATF. (Doc. 39, 1
6 n.1.) However, because Petitioner has indicated that his present
7 institution of confinement is CEN, it does not appear that Acting
8 Warden Allison is the proper respondent. The official website of
9 the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation
10 (CDCR) reflects that the warden of CEN is presently Domingo
11 Uribe, Jr.¹

12 Fed. R. Civ. P. Rule 25(d) provides that a court may at any
13 time order substitution of a public officer who is a party in an
14 official capacity whose predecessor dies, resigns, or otherwise
15 ceases to hold office.

16 The Court concludes that Domingo Uribe, Jr., Warden at CEN,
17 is an appropriate respondent in this action. It will be ordered
18 that pursuant to Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(d), Warden Uribe be
19 substituted in place of James Walker.

20 II. Proceeding by a Motion to Dismiss

21 Respondent has filed a motion to dismiss the petition on the
22 ground that Petitioner filed his petition outside of the one-year
23 limitation period provided for by 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).

24 Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the

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26 ¹The Court may take judicial notice of facts that are capable of
27 accurate and ready determination by resort to sources whose accuracy cannot
28 reasonably be questioned, including undisputed information posted on official
web sites. Fed. R. Evid. 201(b); United States v. Bernal-Obeso, 989 F.2d 331,
333 (9th Cir. 1993); Daniels-Hall v. National Education Association, 629 F.3d
992, 999 (9th Cir. 2010). The address of the official website for the CDCR is
<http://www.cdcr.ca.gov>.

1 United States District Courts (Habeas Rules) allows a district
2 court to dismiss a petition if it "plainly appears from the face
3 of the petition and any exhibits annexed to it that the
4 petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court...."

5 The Ninth Circuit has allowed respondents to file motions to
6 dismiss pursuant to Rule 4 instead of answers if the motion to
7 dismiss attacks the pleadings by claiming that the petitioner has
8 failed to exhaust state remedies or has violated the state's
9 procedural rules. See, e.g., O'Bremski v. Maass, 915 F.2d 418,
10 420 (9th Cir. 1990) (using Rule 4 to evaluate a motion to dismiss
11 a petition for failure to exhaust state remedies); White v.
12 Lewis, 874 F.2d 599, 602-03 (9th Cir. 1989) (using Rule 4 to
13 review a motion to dismiss for state procedural default); Hillery
14 v. Pulley, 533 F.Supp. 1189, 1194 & n.12 (E.D.Cal. 1982) (same).
15 Thus, a respondent may file a motion to dismiss after the Court
16 orders the respondent to respond, and the Court should use Rule 4
17 standards to review a motion to dismiss filed before a formal
18 answer. See, Hillery, 533 F. Supp. at 1194 & n.12.

19 In this case, Respondent's motion to dismiss addresses the
20 untimeliness of two claims in the SAC pursuant to 28 U.S.C.
21 2244(d)(1). The material facts pertinent to the motion are found
22 in copies of the official records of state judicial proceedings
23 which have been provided by Respondent and Petitioner, and as to
24 which there is no factual dispute. Because Respondent has not
25 filed a formal answer, and because Respondent's motion to dismiss
26 is similar in procedural standing to a motion to dismiss for
27 failure to exhaust state remedies or for state procedural
28 default, the Court will review Respondent's motion to dismiss

1 pursuant to its authority under Rule 4.

2 III. Background

3 In the original petition, Petitioner challenged his 2006
4 conviction of being an inmate in possession of a deadly weapon in
5 violation of Cal. Pen. Code § 4502, and the sentence imposed
6 pursuant to such conviction on May 1, 2007, in action number
7 SF013296A in the Kern County Superior Court. (Doc. 1, 2.)

8 In the SAC, Petitioner purports to challenge a conviction of
9 being an inmate in possession of a deadly weapon suffered on May
10 1, 2007, in the Los Angeles Superior Court. (SAC, doc. 34, 1.)
11 However, he describes further proceedings in connection with the
12 conviction as including applications to the Kern County Superior
13 Court (KCSC) and the California Court of Appeal, Fifth Appellate
14 District (DCA), with a DCA case number that corresponds to his
15 appeal from the Kern County conviction. (Id. at 2, 7, 11.)

16 In view of this and the documentation submitted by
17 Respondent that refers to the Kern conviction, the Court
18 concludes that in the SAC, Petitioner mistakenly identified the
19 court of conviction as Los Angeles, and that Petitioner is
20 continuing to challenge his 2006 conviction and 2007 sentence
21 imposed in the KCSC.

22 On May 1, 2007, Petitioner was sentenced after conviction
23 for possession of a sharp instrument in violation of Cal. Pen.
24 Code § 4502(a) and after having been found to have sustained two
25 serious or violent prior convictions for purposes of California's
26 Three Strikes Law, Cal. Pen. Code §§ 667(c)-(j), 1170.12(a)-(e).

1 (LD 2, 4.)²

2 On March 18, 2008, the DCA affirmed the conviction on direct
3 appeal. (LD 1.)

4 On or about April 18, 2008, Petitioner filed a petition for
5 review in the California Supreme Court (CSC). (LD 2.) The
6 petition was summarily denied on May 21, 2008. (LD 3.)

7 Petitioner filed his initial federal habeas petition in the
8 United States District Court, Central District of California on
9 May 15, 2009.³ (Doc. 1, 8.) The petition contained five claims,
10 but Petitioner admitted that he had not exhausted his state court
11 remedies as to the fourth claim concerning improper use of a
12 prior conviction and the fifth claim concerning the allegedly
13 ineffective assistance of appellate counsel. (Doc. 1, 7; doc. 2,
14 31-40.)

15 On June 9, 2009, the case was transferred to this Court.
16 (Doc. 8.) In July 2009, Petitioner requested a stay of the
17 petition to permit exhaustion of the unexhausted claims. (Doc.
18 10.)

19 On August 23, 2009, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of
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21 ² "LD" refers to documents lodged by Respondent in support of the motion.

22 ³ The dates on which Petitioner filed his pro se, post-conviction
23 petitions for collateral relief are determined by application of the mailbox
24 rule. Under the mailbox rule, a prisoner's pro se habeas petition is "deemed
25 filed when he hands it over to prison authorities for mailing to the relevant
26 court." Huizar v. Carey, 273 F.3d 1220, 1222 (9th Cir. 2001); Houston v.
27 Lack, 487 U.S. 266, 276 (1988). The mailbox rule applies to federal and state
28 petitions alike. Campbell v. Henry, 614 F.3d 1056, 1058-59 (9th Cir. 2010)
(citing Stillman v. LaMarque, 319 F.3d 1199, 1201 (9th Cir. 2003), and Smith
v. Ratelle, 323 F.3d 813, 816 n.2 (9th Cir. 2003)). It has been held that the
date the petition is signed may be inferred to be the earliest possible date
an inmate could submit his petition to prison authorities for filing under the
mailbox rule. Jenkins v. Johnson, 330 F.3d 1146, 1149 n.2 (9th Cir. 2003),
overruled on other grounds, Pace v. DiGuglielmo, 544 U.S. 408 (2005).

1 habeas corpus in the KCSC (LD 4, pet. form at 6), which was
2 denied on October 26, 2009 (id. at 1).

3 On January 25, 2010, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of
4 habeas corpus in the DCA. (LD 5, pet. form at 6.) The petition
5 was denied on June 2, 2010. (LD 5, 1.)

6 In March 2010, Petitioner's motion to stay the petition in
7 this action without amendment of the petition was denied because
8 Petitioner had not shown good cause as required by Rhines v.
9 Weber, 544 U.S. 269 (2005). Petitioner was granted leave to file
10 a first amended petition stating only fully exhausted claims and
11 to seek a stay of such a fully exhausted petition pursuant to
12 Kelly v. Small, 315 F.3d 1063, 1070-71 (9th Cir. 2002). (Doc.
13 16.)

14 On March 24, 2010, Petitioner filed in this Court a first
15 amended petition (FAP) for writ of habeas corpus containing only
16 exhausted claims and a motion for a stay to permit exhaustion of
17 additional claims. (Doc. 18, 34.)

18 On June 22, 2010, Petitioner filed a petition for writ of
19 habeas corpus in the CSC. (LD 6, pet. form at 6.) The petition
20 was summarily denied on February 16, 2011. (LD 7.)

21 On July 12, 2010, during the pendency of the petition in the
22 CSC, Petitioner's motion to stay the fully exhausted FAP in this
23 Court was granted, and Petitioner filed periodic status reports
24 concerning exhaustion of the unexhausted claims. (Doc. 21.)

25 After this Court dissolved the stay in this action and the
26 CSC denied the petition pending before it in February 2011,
27 Petitioner lodged in this Court the SAC on March 8, 2011, and it
28 was ordered filed on July 21, 2011. (Docs. 32, 48; docs. 32-34.)

1 The SAC (doc. 34) contains not only the three previously
2 exhausted claims, but also fourth and fifth claims concerning
3 improper use of a prior conviction and the allegedly ineffective
4 assistance of appellate counsel.

5 IV. Timeliness of the Fourth and Fifth Claims

6 Respondent moves to dismiss the recently exhausted fourth
7 and fifth claims on the ground of untimeliness.

8 A. The Statute of Limitations

9 On April 24, 1996, Congress enacted the Antiterrorism and
10 Effective Death Penalty Act of 1996 (AEDPA). The AEDPA applies
11 to all petitions for writ of habeas corpus filed after the
12 enactment of the AEDPA. Lindh v. Murphy, 521 U.S. 320, 327
13 (1997). Petitioner filed his original petition for writ of
14 habeas corpus on May 15, 2009. Thus, the AEDPA applies to the
15 petition.

16 The AEDPA provides a one-year period of limitation in which
17 a petitioner must file a petition for writ of habeas corpus. 28
18 U.S.C. § 2244(d) (1). As amended, subdivision (d) reads:

19 (1) A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to
20 an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person
21 in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court.
The limitation period shall run from the latest of -

22 (A) the date on which the judgment became
23 final by the conclusion of direct review or the
expiration of the time for seeking such review;

24 (B) the date on which the impediment to
25 filing an application created by State action in
26 violation of the Constitution or laws of the United
States is removed, if the applicant was prevented from
filing by such State action;

27 (C) the date on which the constitutional right
28 asserted was initially recognized by the Supreme Court, if
the right has been newly recognized by the Supreme Court and
made retroactively applicable to cases on collateral review;

1 or

2 (D) the date on which the factual predicate
3 of the claim or claims presented could have been
4 discovered through the exercise of due diligence.

5 (2) The time during which a properly filed
6 application for State post-conviction or other
7 collateral review with respect to the pertinent
8 judgment or claim is pending shall not be counted
9 toward any period of limitation under this subsection.

10 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d).

11 B. Commencement of the Running of the Statutory Period

12 It does not appear that 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1)(B) through
13 (D) are applicable in this case. Therefore, finality will be
14 determined pursuant to § 2244(d)(1)(A).

15 Under § 2244(d)(1)(A), the "judgment" refers to the sentence
16 imposed on the petitioner. Burton v. Stewart, 549 U.S. 147, 156-
17 57 (2007). The last sentence was imposed on Petitioner on May 1,
18 2007.

19 Under § 2244(d)(1)(A), a judgment becomes final either upon
20 the conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for
21 seeking such review in the highest court from which review could
22 be sought. Wixom v. Washington, 264 F.3d 894, 897 (9th Cir.
23 2001). The statute commences to run pursuant to § 2244(d)(1)(A)
24 upon either 1) the conclusion of all direct criminal appeals in
25 the state court system, followed by either the completion or
26 denial of certiorari proceedings before the United States Supreme
27 Court; or 2) if certiorari was not sought, then by the conclusion
28 of all direct criminal appeals in the state court system followed
by the expiration of the time permitted for filing a petition for
writ of certiorari. Wixom, 264 F.3d at 897 (quoting Smith v.
Bowersox, 159 F.3d 345, 348 (8th Cir. 1998), cert. denied, 525

1 U.S. 1187 (1999)). Neither party has indicated that Petitioner
2 sought certiorari from the United States Supreme Court.

3 Here, Petitioner's direct criminal appeals in the state
4 court system concluded when his petition for review was denied by
5 the CSC on May 21, 2008. The CSC's denial of the petition for
6 review was final immediately upon filing. Cal. Rules of Court,
7 Rule 8.532(b)(2)(A). The time permitted for seeking certiorari
8 was ninety days. Supreme Court Rule 13; Bowen v. Roe, 188 F.3d
9 1157, 1159 (9th Cir. 1999).

10 The Court will apply Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a) in calculating the
11 pertinent time periods. See, Waldrip v. Hall, 548 F.3d 729, 735
12 n.2 (9th Cir. 2008), cert. denied, 130 S.Ct. 2415 (2010).

13 Applying Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(A), the day of the triggering
14 event is excluded from the calculation. Thus, the ninety-day
15 period commenced on May 22, 2008, the day following the finality
16 of the judgment that resulted from the CSC's denial of review.
17 Applying Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a)(1)(B), which requires counting
18 every day, the ninetieth day was August 19, 2008. Thus, the
19 judgment became final within the meaning of § 2244(d)(1)(A) on
20 August 19, 2008.

21 Therefore, the one-year limitation period began to run on
22 August 20, 2008, and concluded one year later on August 19, 2009.
23 Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(a).

24 C. Statutory Tolling

25 Title 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2) states that the "time during
26 which a properly filed application for State post-conviction or
27 other collateral review with respect to the pertinent judgment or
28 claim is pending shall not be counted toward" the one-year

1 limitation period. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2). Once a petitioner is
2 on notice that his habeas petition may be subject to dismissal
3 based on the statute of limitations, he has the burden of
4 demonstrating that the limitations period was sufficiently tolled
5 by providing the pertinent facts, such as dates of filing and
6 denial. Zepeda v. Walker, 581 F.3d 1013, 1019 (9th Cir. 2009)
7 (citing Smith v. Duncan, 297 F.3d 809, 814-15 (9th Cir. 2002),
8 abrogation on other grounds recognized by Moreno v. Harrison, 245
9 Fed.Appx. 606 (9th Cir. 2007)).

10 Here, Petitioner's first state court petition for collateral
11 review was the petition filed in the KCSC on August 23, 2009.
12 Respondent correctly contends that Petitioner is not entitled to
13 statutory tolling. No statutory tolling is allowed for the
14 period of time between the finality of an appeal and the filing
15 of an application for post-conviction or other collateral review
16 in state court because no state court application is "pending"
17 during that time. Nino v. Galaza, 183 F.3d 1003, 1006-1007 (9th
18 Cir. 1999); Raspberry v. Garcia, 448 F.3d 1150, 1153 n.1 (9th
19 Cir. 2006). Similarly, no statutory tolling is allowed for the
20 period between the finality of an appeal and the filing of a
21 federal petition. Nino, 183 F.3d at 1007. In addition, the
22 limitation period is not tolled during the time that a federal
23 habeas petition is pending. Duncan v. Walker, 533 U.S. 167, 172
24 (2001). Further, a petitioner is not entitled to statutory
25 tolling where the limitation period has already run prior to
26 filing a state habeas petition. Ferguson v. Palmateer, 321 F.3d
27 820, 823 (9th Cir. 2003); Jiminez v. Rice, 276 F.3d 478, 482 (9th
28 Cir. 2001).

1 Here, the limitation period concluded on August 19, 2009.
2 Thus, it had already run by the time Petitioner initiated his
3 first state post-conviction collateral proceeding by filing a
4 habeas petition in the KCSC on August 23, 2009. Accordingly,
5 Petitioner has not shown that he is entitled to the benefit of
6 statutory tolling.

7 In summary, Petitioner's original petition was filed on May
8 15, 2009, before the limitation period ran in August 2009. Thus,
9 the original petition was timely filed. However, Petitioner's
10 SAC was not filed until after the expiration of the limitation
11 period.

12 D. Timeliness of the Recently Exhausted Claims

13 Respondent argues that Petitioner's two recently exhausted
14 claims are untimely because they do not "relate back" to the date
15 of the timely filed initial petition.

16 A habeas petition "may be amended... as provided in the
17 rules of procedure applicable to civil actions." 28 U.S.C.
18 § 2242. Fed. R. Civ. P. 15 is applicable to habeas corpus
19 proceedings. 28 U.S.C. § 2242; Fed. R. Civ. P. 81(a)(2); Habeas
20 Corpus Rule 11; Mayle v. Felix, 545 U.S. 644, 655 (2005).

21 An amendment to a pleading relates back to the date of the
22 original pleading when 1) the law that provides the applicable
23 statute of limitations allows relation back, 2) the amendment
24 asserts a claim or defense that arose out of the conduct,
25 transaction, or occurrence set out, or attempted to be set out,
26 in the original pleading, or 3) the amendment changes a party or
27 the naming of a party under specified circumstances. Fed. R.
28 Civ. P. 15(c)(1). In a habeas corpus case, the "original

1 pleading" referred to in Rule 15 is the petition. Mayle v.
2 Felix, 545 U.S. at 655. A habeas petition differs from a
3 complaint in an ordinary civil case, however. In ordinary civil
4 cases, notice pleading is sufficient; however, Habeas Rule 2(c)
5 requires that a habeas petition not simply meet the general
6 standard of notice pleading, but rather specify all the grounds
7 for relief available to the petitioner and state the facts
8 supporting each ground. Mayle v. Felix, 545 U.S. at 655.

9 Relation back is appropriate in habeas cases where the
10 original and amended petitions state claims that are tied to a
11 common core of operative facts. Mayle, 545 U.S. at 664. The
12 claims added by amendment must arise from the same core facts as
13 the timely filed claims and must depend upon events not separate
14 in "both time and type" from the originally raised episodes.
15 Mayle, 545 U.S. at 657. Thus, the terms "conduct, transaction,
16 or occurrence" in Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(c)(1)(B) are not interpreted
17 so broadly that it is sufficient that a claim first asserted in
18 an amended petition concerns the same trial, conviction, or
19 sentence that was the subject of a claim in an original petition.
20 Mayle v. Felix, 545 U.S. 656-57. In Mayle, the Court concluded
21 that the petitioner's pretrial statements, which were the subject
22 of an amended petition, were separated in time and type from a
23 witness's videotaped statements, which occurred at a different
24 time and place and were the basis of a claim in the original
25 petition. Thus, relation back was not appropriate. Mayle, 545
26 U.S. at 657, 659-60.

27 Here, unexhausted claims set forth in the original petition
28 were withdrawn or dismissed from a petition which included other,

1 exhausted claims. Once exhausted, the claims were the subject of
2 an amendment to the pending petition. Although the proceedings
3 were stayed pending exhaustion of the two unexhausted claims, the
4 stay was not based on a showing of good cause pursuant to Rhines
5 v. Weber, 544 U.S. 269 (2005). Instead, the stay was granted
6 pursuant to Kelly v. Small, 315 F.3d 1063 (9th Cir. 2003).
7 Therefore, the stay did not protect the unexhausted claims from
8 untimeliness while the Petitioner attempted to exhaust them.
9 King v. Ryan, 564 F.3d 1133, 1141 (9th Cir. 2009). In such
10 cases, to determine whether a claim relates back to an earlier
11 claim, Mayle requires a comparison of the petitioner's new claims
12 to the properly exhausted claims left pending, and not to the
13 unexhausted claims in an earlier version of the petition that
14 were subsequently dismissed for failure to exhaust. King v.
15 Ryan, 564 F.3d at 1142.

16 Petitioner alleged the following claims in his original
17 petition as to which state court remedies had been exhausted:⁴
18 1) admission at trial of Petitioner's out-of-court statement
19 violated Miranda and Petitioner's Fifth Amendment right to remain
20 silent, and trial counsel rendered ineffective assistance by
21 failing to object to or move to exclude the statement; 2) the
22 prosecutor committed prejudicial misconduct and violated
23 Petitioner's right to due process of law by misstating the
24 reasonable doubt standard and vouching for the sole prosecution
25 witness, and Petitioner's trial counsel rendered ineffective
26 assistance in failing to object and request that the jury be

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28 ⁴The petition includes the petition form and a separately docketed memorandum which actually sets forth the claims. (Doc. 1, 5-6; doc. 2, 2-3.)

1 admonished; and 3) cumulative prejudice resulting from the
2 multiple instances of ineffective assistance of counsel violated
3 Petitioner's right to due process of law. (Doc. 2, 1-31.)

4 The first claim which Petitioner sought to add to the SAC is
5 that the trial court improperly used a prior conviction or abused
6 its discretion in failing to strike a prior conviction because
7 one of the prior convictions used by the court to increase
8 Petitioner's sentence was found to be true at a court trial, and
9 Petitioner had not been warned that the prior conviction could be
10 used to enhance a sentence. (SAC, doc. 34, 37-45.) This claim
11 concerns the conduct of the trial court in considering a motion
12 concerning a prior conviction or prison term relevant to
13 sentencing, or in relying on the prior conviction in sentencing
14 Petitioner.

15 In contrast, the exhausted claims in the original petition
16 all related to the conduct of trial counsel, which was alleged to
17 have been ineffective in relation to objecting to the admission
18 of evidence and prosecutorial misconduct. The claim concerning
19 the prior conviction relates to the sentencing process, whereas
20 the originally exhausted claims concerning counsel relate to the
21 guilt phase of the trial. The two sets of claims depend on
22 events separate in both time and type. The new claim concerning
23 the trial court's consideration and use of the prior conviction
24 and the exhausted claims concerning trial counsel's ineffective
25 assistance did not arise out of the same conduct, transaction or
26 occurrence. Cf., Hebner v. McGrath, 543 F.3d 1133, 1137-39 (9th
27 Cir. 2008), cert. denied 129 S.Ct. 2791 (2009) (holding that a
28 new claim concerning a due process violation based on jury

1 instructions concerning the standard of proof was not based on
2 the same common core of operative facts as a claim concerning
3 admission of testimony at the same trial; the later claim related
4 to jury instructions, whereas the original claim related to the
5 evidence introduced at trial). As the court in Hebner noted,
6 pursuant to Habeas Rule 2(c), the facts underlying each claim
7 must be set forth, and the relevant facts relating to the two
8 claims before the court were separate and distinct. Thus, the
9 claims involved separate occurrences. Id. at 1139.

10 The Court concludes that Petitioner's fourth claim
11 concerning the sentencing court's use of the prior conviction
12 does not relate back to Petitioner's originally filed petition.

13 The other claim in the SAC that Petitioner seeks to relate
14 back to claims in the original petition is that appellate counsel
15 was ineffective for failing to present on appeal the preceding
16 argument concerning the prior conviction. (SAC, doc. 34, 45-46.)
17 Although both the new claim concerning appellate counsel and the
18 originally exhausted claims concerning trial counsel relate to
19 the conduct of counsel, they relate to separate errors and to the
20 conduct of separate attorneys at two distinct phases of the case.
21 One claim relates to counsel's failure to raise objections to
22 trial evidence and alleged prosecutorial misconduct that occurred
23 during the guilt phase of the trial; the other relates to
24 appellate counsel's failure to raise a sentencing issue during
25 the appellate process. The main similarity among the claims is
26 that they share the same legal theory of violation of the right
27 to counsel by counsel's allegedly substandard omissions. In this
28 sense, they concern alleged misfeasance of the same general type.

1 However, the events that form the basis of the claims are
2 separate in both time and type. Each incident involved a
3 separate set of facts supporting the grounds for relief, or a
4 separate occurrence. Cf. Mayle v. Felix, 545 U.S. at 661. This
5 is not sufficient to show a common core of facts.

6 The Court concludes that the claim concerning appellate
7 counsel did not arise out of the same conduct or occurrence as
8 the exhausted claims concerning trial counsel. Accord, United
9 States v. Ciampi, 419 F.3d 20, 24 (1st Cir. 2005) (holding that a
10 claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in failing to explain
11 the consequences of a guilty plea did not relate back to a claim
12 alleging a violation of due process based on the trial court's
13 failure to advise the defendant of the same consequences); United
14 States v. Duffus, 174 F.3d 333, 337 (3rd Cir. 1999) (holding that
15 a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel in failing to move
16 to suppress evidence did not relate back to a claim of
17 ineffective assistance of counsel in failing to argue on appeal
18 the insufficiency of the evidence to support the conviction);
19 United States v. Craycraft, 167 F.3d 451, 457 (8th Cir. 1999)
20 (holding that a claim of ineffective assistance of counsel
21 predicated on the failure to file an appeal as instructed did not
22 relate back to claims of ineffective assistance of counsel in
23 failing to pursue a downward departure for substantial
24 assistance, make objections in the trial proceedings, and
25 challenge a prior state conviction).

26 In summary, although Petitioner's original petition was
27 filed before the expiration of the limitation period of
28 § 2244(d), his newly exhausted claims concerning alleged trial

1 court error concerning the prior conviction and the ineffective
2 assistance of appellate counsel were filed after the running of
3 the statute. The newly exhausted claims do not relate back to
4 the initially exhausted claims that were timely filed and
5 remained in the petition while the proceedings were stayed
6 pending further exhaustion of state court remedies.

7 Therefore, the two newly exhausted claims were untimely
8 filed. Respondent's motion to dismiss the two claims as untimely
9 will be granted.

10 V. Response to the SAC

11 On July 21, 2011, Respondent was directed to file a response
12 to the SAC. (Doc. 33.) In response, Respondent filed the motion
13 to dismiss addressed in this order.

14 Respondent will now be ordered to file a response to the
15 claims that remain in the SAC. The response will be due no later
16 than forty-five (45) days after the date of service of this
17 order. Otherwise, the filing of the response and the traverse,
18 if any, are to be in accordance with the terms of the Court's
19 order of July 21, 2011.

20 VI. Disposition

21 Accordingly, it is ORDERED that:

22 1) The Clerk SUBSTITUTE Domingo Uribe, Jr., Warden of the
23 California State Prison at Centinela, as Respondent; and

24 2) Respondent's motion to dismiss the fourth claim
25 concerning the prior conviction and the fifth claim concerning
26 appellate counsel's allegedly ineffective assistance in not
27 raising the prior conviction issue is GRANTED; and

28 3) Petitioner's fourth claim concerning the prior

1 conviction and fifth claim concerning the ineffective assistance
2 of appellate counsel are DISMISSED as untimely filed; and

3 4) Respondent is DIRECTED to file no later than forty-five
4 (45) days after the date of service of this order a response to
5 the remaining claims in the SAC in accordance with the directions
6 of the Court in the Court's order of July 21, 2011 (doc. 33).

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 **Dated: January 3, 2012**

/s/ Sheila K. Oberto
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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