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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL D. HICKMAN,

1:09-cv-02099-YNP-DLB (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER GRANTING MOTION  
TO PROCEED IN FORMA PAUPERIS

vs.

(DOCUMENT #2)

SUPERIOR COURT OF THE STATE OF  
CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF KINGS,

Respondent.

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

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

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 7, 2009

/s/ Dennis L. Beck  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE