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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 ARCHIE LEE PARKS, JR.,

1:11-cv-0745-MJS (HC)

12 Petitioner,

13 vs.

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

14 KAMALA D. HARRIS,

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15 Respondent.  
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17 Petitioner has requested the appointment of counsel. There currently exists no  
18 absolute right to appointment of counsel in habeas proceedings. See, e.g., Anderson v.  
19 Heinze, 258 F.2d 479, 481 (9th Cir. 1958); Mitchell v. Wyrick, 727 F.2d 773, 774 (8th Cir.  
20 1984). However, Title 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B) authorizes the appointment of counsel at  
21 any stage of the case if "the interests of justice so require." See Rule 8(c), Rules Governing  
22 Section 2254 Cases. In the present case, the Court does not find that the interests of justice  
23 require the appointment of counsel at the present time. Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY  
24 ORDERED that Petitioner's request for appointment of counsel is denied.

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26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 Dated: May 24, 2011

/s/ Michael J. Seng  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE