

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ROBIN DASENBROOK,

Plaintiff,

v.

A. ENENMOH, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 1:11-cv-01884 AWI DLB PC

ORDER REGARDING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION TO COMPEL AND REQUEST FOR
ADDITIONAL SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
[ECF No. 109], PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO
LODGE DEPOSITIONS [ECF No. 110],
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR THIRD PARTY
DISCOVERY [ECF No. 111], PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR DEPOSITION SUBPOENAS
[ECF No. 114], PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
THIRD PARTY DISCOVERY AND
REQUEST TO REOPEN DISCOVERY [ECF
No. 117], PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
RECONSIDERATION [ECF No. 118],
PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO COMPEL [ECF
No. 120], AND PLAINTIFF'S MOTION FOR
THIRD PARTY DISCOVERY [ECF No. 121]

ORDER DIRECTING DEFENDANT PAGE
TO SHOW CAUSE

ORDER AND NOTICE AUTHORIZING
ISSUANCE OF SUBPOENA DUCES TECUM
DIRECTING PRODUCTION OF
DOCUMENTS BY STU SHERMAN,
WARDEN OF CORCORAN SUBSTANCE
ABUSE AND TREATMENT FACILITY

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK'S OFFICE TO
SERVE COPY OF SUBPOENA WITH
ORDER

Plaintiff Robin Dasenbrook ("Plaintiff") is a California state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action is proceeding against

1 Defendants Enenmoh, Page, Perez and Blonde Nurse Doe #1 for claims of negligence and deliberate
2 indifference to a serious medical need in violation of the Eighth Amendment.

3 On November 29, 2012, Plaintiff filed a First Amended Complaint. On September 10, 2013,
4 Defendant Enenmoh filed an answer. On September 11, 2013, the Court issued a discovery and
5 scheduling order. The discovery cut-off date was set for February 10, 2014, and the dispositive
6 motion deadline was set for April 9, 2014. On March 7, 2014, Defendant Page filed an answer to the
7 amended complaint. Defendants Perez and Blonde Doe Nurse #1 were not yet identified and served.

8 Subsequently, Plaintiff filed numerous discovery requests and various motions. On May 9,
9 2014, Defendants Enenmoh and Page filed a motion for summary judgment. On September 17,
10 2014, and October 15, 2014, the Court addressed Plaintiff's various discovery requests and motions.
11 Discovery was reopened as to Defendant Page, and the deadline for discovery as to Page was
12 extended ninety days from the date of service of the October 15, 2014, order. In light of the ongoing
13 discovery dispute and the fact that discovery had been reopened, Defendants' motion for summary
14 judgment was denied without prejudice to refiling at the conclusion of discovery.

15 Since that time, Plaintiff has filed numerous additional motions, which the Court will address
16 in turn. The Court notes that many of the motions were made in attempt to locate Defendants Perez
17 and Blonde Doe Nurse #1. At this time, Defendant Perez has been served, and on January 29, 2015,
18 Defendant Perez filed an answer. Defendant Blonde Doe Nurse #1 has not been identified.

19 1. Plaintiff's Motion to Compel Response to Subpoena Duces Tecum and Request for
20 Additional Subpoena Duces Tecum [ECF No. 109]

21 On December 8, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion to compel a response to the subpoena duces
22 tecum ("SDT") issued by the Court on October 15, 2014. In the alternative, Plaintiff requested an
23 additional SDT. Defendants did not file an opposition.

24 Plaintiff asks the Court to issue an order compelling the Warden at Corcoran SATF to
25 produce documents requested in the SDT. Plaintiff states he received a response from the litigation
26 coordinator at SATF dated November 12, 2014, which stated that the facility did not possess all of
27 the records described in the SDT. Plaintiff states the Warden only provided records for January 2,
28 2010. He states the Warden did not provide records for January 1, 2010, or copies of any documents

1 identifying the names of personnel who were assigned to “E Yard” medical clinic on January 2,
2 2010, at SATF during third watch between 1500 to 2300 hours. Plaintiff states he needs these
3 documents to identify Defendant Perez and Blonde Doe Nurse #1.

4 Insofar as Defendant Perez has already appeared in this action, the motion to compel is
5 unnecessary and will be denied. As to Defendant Blonde Doe Nurse #1, Plaintiff states he needs the
6 medical sign in sheets or logs from the facility in order to determine the identity of Blonde Doe
7 Nurse #1. Plaintiff states the response from the litigation coordinator indicated the custodian of
8 records did not possess copies of documents identifying names of personnel who were assigned to
9 the “E Yard Medical Clinic.” Plaintiff believes that the SDT was too general, and a more specific
10 request for the medical sign-in sheets would assist the Warden in complying and providing the
11 information Plaintiff seeks. As previously noted, Defendants did not file an opposition. The Court
12 is thus persuaded that this information may be relevant to assisting Plaintiff in discovering the
13 identity of Defendant Blonde Doe Nurse #1. Accordingly, the Court will issue a SDT directed to the
14 Warden for the medical sign-in sheets for the third watch at SATF E-Yard on January 2, 2010.

15 2. Motion to Lodge Deposition of Walsh and Little [ECF No. 110]

16 On December 11, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting that the depositions of Walsh and
17 Little be lodged so as to preserve them in the record. Plaintiff has attached the declarations to his
18 motion. Insofar as Plaintiff’s motion and the attached declarations have been filed with the Court,
19 Plaintiff’s motion to lodge them is moot.

20 3. Motion for Third Party Discovery through Subpoena Duces Tecum [ECF No. 111]

21 On November 26, 2014, Plaintiff filed a motion for third party discovery. Plaintiff requests a
22 Subpoena Duces Tecum directed to Corcoran District Hospital seeking copies of medical billing
23 records, insurance records, communication records, and payment information concerning the
24 medical procedure performed on Plaintiff. Plaintiff is advised that the court-ordered deadline for
25 discovery was February 10, 2014, and all discovery requests had to be served on or before January
26 11, 2014. Plaintiff did not seek an extension of the deadline. Therefore, the discovery request is
27 untimely by nearly one year. Discovery was reopened but solely as to Defendant Page.
28 Accordingly, Plaintiff’s motion is denied.

1 4. Deposition Subpoena Request [ECF No. 114]

2 On December 24, 2014, Plaintiff filed a letter directed to the Clerk of the Court requesting
3 subpoenas for six corrections officers to take depositions by written questions. Depositions by
4 written questions entail more than mailing questions to the deponents and awaiting their written
5 responses. Rather, an officer must be retained to take responses and prepare the record. Fed. R. Civ.
6 P. 31(b). Plaintiff is proceeding in forma pauperis, and his motion does not suggest an
7 understanding of the requirements for conducting a deposition by written questions or the ability and
8 willingness to pay an officer to take the responses for the record. Therefore, the request is denied.

9 5. Motion for Third Party Discovery and Interrogatories [ECF No. 117]

10 On January 5, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting leave of court to conduct third party
11 discovery. Plaintiff seeks an order which would require six correctional officers to answer
12 interrogatories in order that he may discover the identity of Defendants Perez and Blonde Nurse Doe
13 #1. Defendant Perez has appeared by filing an answer in this action. Thus, to the extent that
14 Plaintiff seeks to discover Defendant Perez's identity, the issue is moot. Since Defendant Perez has
15 appeared, he is not a third party and so, Plaintiff's request to conduct third party discovery as to him
16 is denied. With respect to the other five correctional officers, Plaintiff's request to serve
17 interrogatories must be denied because interrogatories may only be directed to parties, and the five
18 correctional officers are not parties to this action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 33.

19 6. Motion for Reconsideration [ECF No. 118]

20 On January 20, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion for reconsideration of the Court's order denying
21 appointment of counsel [ECF No. 116]. Plaintiff argues that the Court committed clear error in
22 failing to address the fact that Plaintiff requested counsel be appointed for the limited purpose of
23 discovering the identity of Defendant Blonde Nurse Doe #1. Plaintiff asks that an attorney be
24 appointed to investigate, prepare and conduct depositions of the above-noted correctional officers.

25 Rule 60(b) allows the Court to relieve a party from an order for "(1) mistake, inadvertence,
26 surprise, or excusable neglect; (2) newly discovered evidence that, with reasonable diligence, could
27 not have been discovered in time to move for a new trial under Rule 59(b); (3) fraud (whether
28 previously called intrinsic or extrinsic), misrepresentation, or misconduct by an opposing party; (4)

1 the judgment is void; or (6) any other reason that justifies relief.” Fed.R.Civ.P. 60(b). Rule 60(b)(6)
2 “is to be used sparingly as an equitable remedy to prevent manifest injustice and is to be utilized
3 only where extraordinary circumstances ...” exist. Harvest v. Castro, 531 F.3d 737, 749 (9th Cir.
4 2008) (internal quotations marks and citation omitted). The moving party “must demonstrate both
5 injury and circumstances beyond his control....” Id. (internal quotation marks and citation omitted).
6 In seeking reconsideration of an order, Local Rule 230(k) requires Plaintiff to show “what new or
7 different facts or circumstances are claimed to exist which did not exist or were not shown upon
8 such prior motion, or what other grounds exist for the motion.”

9 “A motion for reconsideration should not be granted, absent highly unusual circumstances,
10 unless the district court is presented with newly discovered evidence, committed clear error, or if
11 there is an intervening change in the controlling law,” Marlyn Nutraceuticals, Inc. v. Mucos Pharma
12 GmbH & Co., 571 F.3d 873, 880 (9th Cir. 2009) (internal quotations marks and citations omitted,
13 and “[a] party seeking reconsideration must show more than a disagreement with the Court’s
14 decision, and recapitulation ...” of that which was already considered by the Court in rendering its
15 decision,” U.S. v. Westlands Water Dist., 134 F.Supp.2d 1111, 1131 (E.D.Cal. 2001). To succeed, a
16 party must set forth facts or law of a strongly convincing nature to induce the court to reverse its
17 prior decision. See Kern–Tulare Water Dist. v. City of Bakersfield, 634 F.Supp. 656, 665 (E.D.Cal.
18 1986), affirmed in part and reversed in part on other grounds, 828 F.2d 514 (9th Cir. 1987).

19 Here, the Court does not find clear error or any extraordinary circumstances justifying
20 reconsideration. As previously stated, the court will seek volunteer counsel only in the most serious
21 and exceptional cases. Plaintiff’s difficulties in identifying a defendant do not constitute exceptional
22 circumstances justifying appointment of counsel. Plaintiff’s motion for reconsideration is therefore
23 denied.

24 7. Plaintiff’s Motion to Compel [ECF No. 120]

25 On March 13, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion for a court order compelling Defendants Page
26 and Perez-Hernandez to respond to Plaintiff’s Requests for Admissions, Interrogatories, and
27 Production of Documents. Plaintiff states he has served the above discovery requests on Defendants
28 Page and Perez-Hernandez; however, neither Defendant has responded. Defendants did not file an

1 opposition to the motion.

2 With respect to Defendant Page, Plaintiff correctly states that the Court granted Plaintiff's
3 motion to compel on October 15, 2014, and granted Defendants thirty days to supplement their
4 responses as set forth in the Court's Order. [ECF No. 98.] The Court notes that Defendants were
5 granted an extension of time on November 21, 2014, to supplement their discovery responses.
6 According to Plaintiff's unopposed motion, Plaintiff has written to Defendants' counsel in an effort
7 to secure a response from Defendant Page, but Defendant has refused to answer his requests for
8 admissions and interrogatories. Accordingly, Defendant Page is ordered to show cause why
9 sanctions should not be imposed for failure to supplement Defendants' discovery responses as
10 ordered by the Court on October 15, 2014.

11 With respect to Defendant Perez-Hamilton, an answer was only recently filed. Discovery
12 closed on February 10, 2014, and was only reopened as to Defendant Page. Therefore, Defendant
13 Perez-Hernandez was not obligated to respond to Plaintiff's discovery requests. That being said, the
14 Court finds that Plaintiff is entitled to serve discovery on Defendant Perez-Hernandez since
15 Defendant Perez-Hernandez has only recently entered the action. Therefore, discovery will be
16 reopened as to Defendant Perez-Hernandez only.

17 8. Motion for Third Party Discovery through Subpoena Duces Tecum [ECF No. 121]

18 On March 18, 2015, Plaintiff filed a motion requesting leave of court to conduct discovery
19 through the issuance of subpoenas duces tecum directed to Correctional Officers L.D. Moreno, Jr.,
20 G.U. Marquez, M. Torres, G. E. Nagatani, and M.I. Adrich, Jr. Plaintiff states he has been unable to
21 locate Defendant Blonde Nurse Doe #1 and he believes these correctional officers possess
22 information that will lead to discovery of Defendant's identity.

23 Subject to certain requirements, Plaintiff is entitled to the issuance of a subpoena
24 commanding the production of documents or tangible things from a nonparty, Fed. R. Civ. P. 45, and
25 to service of the subpoena by the United States Marshal, 28 U.S.C. 1915(d). Here, however,
26 Plaintiff is not seeking production of documents or tangible things. Rather, Plaintiff has attached
27 interrogatories to his motion which he seeks to serve on the correctional officers identified above.
28 As previously stated in this order, interrogatories may only be directed to parties, and the five

1 correctional officers are not parties to this action. See Fed. R. Civ. P. 33. Plaintiff's request for
2 subpoenas duces tecum are therefore denied.

3 **ORDER**

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

5 1) Plaintiff's motion for Subpoena Duces Tecum [ECF No. 109] is GRANTED in part,
6 and the Court authorizes the issuance of a Subpoena Duces Tecum directing the Warden at SATF to
7 produce the following documents:

8 **a. Copies of medical sign-in sheets for the "E" Yard Medical Clinic on January**
9 **2, 2010, at SATF, during Third Watch between 1500 to 2300 hours;**

10 2) Pursuant to Rule 45(a)(4), the parties are placed on notice that the Subpoena Duces
11 Tecum will be issued by the Court after the passage of ten (10) days from the date of service of this
12 order;

13 3) The Clerk's Office shall serve a copy of the subpoena with this order;

14 4) Plaintiff's motion to lodge deposition transcripts [ECF No. 110] is DENIED;

15 5) Plaintiff's motion for third party discovery [ECF No. 111] is DENIED;

16 6) Plaintiff's request for subpoenas for deposition by written questions [ECF No. 114] is
17 DENIED;

18 7) Plaintiff's motion for third party discovery and interrogatories [ECF No. 117] is
19 DENIED;

20 8) Plaintiff's motion for reconsideration [ECF No. 118] is DENIED;

21 9) Plaintiff's motion to compel [ECF No. 120] is GRANTED in part, and Defendant
22 Page is ORDERED TO SHOW CAUSE within thirty (30) days why sanctions should not be
23 imposed for failure to supplement Defendants' discovery responses as ordered by the Court on
24 October 15, 2014;

25 10) Discovery is reopened as to Defendant Perez-Hernandez. The discovery deadline is
26 extended ninety (90) days from the date of service of this order as follows:

27 a. Plaintiff has thirty (30) days from the date of service by mail of this order
28 within which to serve any additional discovery requests on Defendant Perez-Hernandez;

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b. Defendant Perez-Hernandez has thirty (30) days from the date of service by mail of the discovery requests to serve his responses; and

c. Plaintiff has thirty (30) days from the date of service by mail of the responses to file a motion to compel, if one is necessary.

11) Plaintiff's motion for third party discovery through Subpoena Duces Tecum [ECF No. 121] is DENIED.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 22, 2015

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE