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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

SONNY BONSACK,
Plaintiff,
v.
JAMES D. HARTLEY, et al.,
Defendants.

Case No. 1:12-cv-01054-SAB (PC)
**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF’S MOTION FOR
DEFAULT JUDGMENT AS PREMATURE**
(Doc. 13)

Plaintiff Sonny Bonsack (“Plaintiff”) is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This action was filed on June 28, 2012, and is pending screening. On April 8, 2013, Plaintiff filed a request for default judgment stating that he had served a summons on Defendants. (ECF No. 13.)

The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a government entity or officer or employee of a government entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). This Court and its staff takes its role serious in complying with statutes and other obligations under the United States Constitution and laws of the United States. As Plaintiff’s case is not the only case under consideration by the Court and because cases are screened in the order in which they are filed, absent good cause, the Court will screen cases in that order and will continue strive to avoid delays whenever possible.

In this case, the United States Marshal will be directed to initiate service of process on

1 Plaintiff's behalf when the Court has determined that Plaintiff's complaint states cognizable
2 claims for relief and service is appropriate. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(d); Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(c)(2). This
3 case has not been screened by the Court and service is not yet appropriate.

4 Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion for entry of default is HEREBY DENIED as premature.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: May 13, 2013

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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