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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KING MWASI,
Plaintiff,
v.
CORCORAN STATE PRISON,
Defendant.

1:13-cv-00695 AWI-JLT (PC)

ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

(Doc. 39)

On January 28, 2015, plaintiff filed a motion seeking the appointment of counsel. This is the second such motion filed by Plaintiff. As he was advised previously, Plaintiff does not have a constitutional right to appointed counsel in this action, Rand v. Rowland, 113 F.3d 1520, 1525 (9th Cir. 1997), and the court cannot require an attorney to represent plaintiff pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Mallard v. United States District Court for the Southern District of Iowa, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). However, in certain exceptional circumstances the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to section 1915(e)(1). Rand, 113 F.3d at 1525.

Without a reasonable method of securing and compensating counsel, the court will seek volunteer counsel only in the most serious and exceptional cases. In determining whether “exceptional circumstances exist, the district court must evaluate both the likelihood of success of the merits [and] the ability of the [plaintiff] to articulate his claims *pro se* in light of the complexity of the legal issues involved.” Id. (internal quotation marks and citations omitted).

