

1 provide inmates with copies of documents and therefore he must hand write multiple
2 copies of his complaint.¹

3 Defendants must be served with copies of the file-stamped complaint that was
4 filed with the Court. The Court cannot accept handwritten duplicates of Plaintiff's
5 amended complaint and so will deny Plaintiff's request for blank amended complaint
6 forms.
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8 Plaintiff's right of access to the courts includes the right to photocopy legal
9 documents at his own expense. Hiser v. Franklin, 94 F.3d 1287, 1294 n.6 (9th Cir.
10 1996)(inmate has a right to photocopying when necessary to guarantee meaningful
11 access to the courts); Allen v. Sakai, 48 F.3d 1082, 1090 (9th Cir. 1994)(access to courts
12 can be seriously hindered "by an inability to make multiple, accurate copies of legal
13 documents"). In addition, California regulations allow indigent *pro se* inmates to have
14 certain legal documents, including summonses and complaints, photocopied for them
15 free of charge. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 3162(c) & (d). Plaintiff shall inquire about the
16 jail's copy policies. The Court will also request jail personnel at the Ventura County Jail
17 to assist Plaintiff with copying services.
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19 For the foregoing reasons, the Court HEREBY DENIES Plaintiff's request for the
20 blank amended complaint forms.
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23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: May 28, 2015

25 /s/ Michael J. Seng
26 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

27 ¹ Plaintiff also notes that the Court's screening order mistakenly referred to Kern Medical Center as Kern
28 Valley State Prison. This admitted error does not affect the viability of Plaintiff's complaint, the propriety of
its service, or further proceedings in the case.