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6	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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<u>,</u> 8	DELTON L. TAYLOR,	CASE NO. 1:14-cv-01754-MJS (PC)
9	Plaintiff,	ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR AMENDED COMPLAINT
10	V.	FORMS
11	HARISHKUMAR PATEL, et al.,	
12	Defendants.	
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14	Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil	
15	rights action brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has consented to Magistrate	
16	Judge jurisdiction.	
17	On May 13, 2015, the Court found Plaintiff's Eighth Amendment claims against	
18 19	Defendants Patel and Le to be cognizable, and directed Plaintiff to submit service	
20	documents, including file-endorsed copies of the First Amended Complaint. (ECF No.	
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22	On May 22, 2015, Plaintiff requested the Court to provide four blank amended	
23	complaint forms. (ECF No. 11.) According to Plaintiff, the Ventura County Jail does not	
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provide inmates with copies of documents and therefore he must hand write multiple 2 copies of his complaint.<sup>1</sup>

Defendants must be served with copies of the file-stamped complaint that was filed with the Court. The Court cannot accept handwritten duplicates of Plaintiff's amended complaint and so will deny Plaintiff's request for blank amended complaint forms.

Plaintiff's right of access to the courts includes the right to photocopy legal 8 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 16 free of charge. Cal. Code Regs., tit. 15, § 3162(c) & (d). Plaintiff shall inquire about the 17 jail's copy policies. The Court will also request jail personnel at the Ventura County Jail 18 to assist Plaintiff with copying services.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court HEREBY DENIES Plaintiff's request for the blank amended complaint forms.

22 IT IS SO ORDERED. 23

Dated: May 28, 2015

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

<sup>26</sup> <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff also notes that the Court's screening order mistakenly referred to Kern Medical Center as Kern 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. 28