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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

6 MAURICE HUNT,

CASE NO. 1:14-cv-1757 --- BAM

7 Plaintiff,

8 ORDER REGARDING MOTION FOR
9 DEFAULT JUDGMENT

v.

10 ELANA S. LANDAU; MICHAEL S. FRYE;
11 NICHOLAS POTTRATZ; DETECTIVE
12 DAVID FRIES; FRESNO COUNTY
SHERIFF'S DEPARTMENT,

(Doc. 7)

13 Defendants. /

14 Plaintiff is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action
15 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On April 13, 2015, Plaintiff filed a document requesting that the court
16 enter default judgment against all Defendants on the basis that the case has not yet been screened.
17 (Doc. 7).

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19 The Court is required to screen complaints brought by prisoners seeking relief against a
20 governmental entity and/or against an officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. §
21 1915A(a). Plaintiff's complaint, or any portion thereof, is subject to dismissal if it is frivolous or
22 malicious, if it fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or if it seeks monetary relief
23 from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1), (2); 28 U.S.C. §
24 1915(e)(2)(B)(ii). The Court will direct the United States Marshal to serve Plaintiff's complaint only
25 after the Court has screened the complaint and determined that it contains a cognizable claim for relief
26 against the named defendant. Plaintiff's complaint is currently in the screening stage and has not been
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1 served any defendant. Therefore, the motion for default judgment was not properly filed and it will be
2 disregarded as it is premature. The Court is aware of Plaintiff's case and will screen the complaint in
3 due course.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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6 Dated: April 20, 2015

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE