UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ISAIAH J. PETILLO,

Plaintiff,

VS.

GALLIGER, et al.,

Defendants.

1:18-cv-00217-LJO-GSA-PC

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST TO ADD EXHIBITS TO FIRST AMENDED COMPLAINT (ECF No. 17.)

ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF LEAVE TO FILE A SECOND AMENDED COMPLAINT WITH EXHIBITS ATTACHED, AS INSTRUCTED BY THIS ORDER

THIRTY DAY DEADLINE

I. BACKGROUND

Isaiah J. Petillo ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis* with this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On February 12, 2018, Plaintiff filed the Complaint commencing this action. (ECF No. 1.) The court screened the Complaint and issued an order on October 31, 2018, dismissing the Complaint for violation of Rule 18, with leave to amend. (ECF No. 16.) On November 19, 2018, Plaintiff filed the First Amended Complaint concurrently with a request to add exhibits to the First Amended Complaint that were previously submitted with the original Complaint. (ECF Nos. 17, 18.)

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II. LOCAL RULE 220 AND FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE 15(a) - AMENDING THE COMPLAINT

Local Rule 220 provides, in part:

Unless prior approval to the contrary is obtained from the Court, every pleading to which an amendment or supplement is permitted as a matter of right or has been allowed by court order shall be retyped and filed so that it is complete in itself without reference to the prior or superseded pleading. No pleading shall be deemed amended or supplemented until this Rule has been complied with. All changed pleadings shall contain copies of all exhibits referred to in the changed pleading.

Plaintiff submitted exhibits to the court with his original Complaint filed on February 12, 2018. (ECF No. 1.) Now Plaintiff has requested the court to consider the exhibits as part of the First Amended Complaint. Plaintiff may not add supporting exhibits in this manner. Under Rule 220, Plaintiff may not amend the First Amended Complaint by adding exhibits submitted separately from the First Amended Complaint. To add information or make a correction to the First Amended Complaint, Plaintiff must file an amended complaint which is complete in itself, without reference to prior complaints. To add his exhibits, Plaintiff must file a Second Amended Complaint, complete in itself, with the exhibits attached.

"Rule 15(a) is very liberal and leave to amend 'shall be freely given when justice so requires." AmerisourceBergen Corp. v. Dialysis West, Inc., 445 F.3d 1132, 1136 (9th Cir. 2006) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)). In the interest of justice, the court shall allow Plaintiff to file a Second Amended Complaint with his exhibits attached, even if the twenty-five page limit is exceeded. The Second Amended Complaint is limited to twenty-five pages, not including the exhibits. Plaintiff is granted thirty days in which to file a Second Amended Complaint with the exhibits attached. The Second Amended Complaint does not need to be identical to the First Amended Complaint, but it should be materially the same. Plaintiff is not granted leave to change the nature of the complaint, add defendants for unrelated claims, or add allegations of events occurring after this case was filed on February 12, 2018. If Plaintiff chooses to amend the complaint, he shall clearly title the amended complaint "Second Amended Complaint" and refer to case number 18-cv-00217-LJO-GSA-PC.

III. **CONCLUSION** 1 2 Based on the foregoing, it is **HEREBY ORDERED** that: 1. Plaintiff's motion filed on November 19, 2018, requesting the court to add 3 previously-submitted exhibits to the First Amended Complaint is DENIED; 4 2. If Plaintiff wishes to include his exhibits, he must file a Second Amended 5 Complaint with the exhibits attached; 6 3. Plaintiff is granted leave to file a Second Amended Complaint within thirty days 7 of the date of service of this order, with his two exhibits attached, as instructed 8 by this order; 9 4. The Second Amended Complaint is limited to twenty-five pages, not including 10 the exhibits; and 11 5. If Plaintiff does not file a Second Amended Complaint within the thirty-day 12 deadline, this case shall proceed with First Amended Complaint filed on 13 November 19, 2018, without exhibits. 14 15 IT IS SO ORDERED. 16 **November 27, 2018** /s/ Gary S. Austin Dated: 17 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 18 19 20 21 22 23 24 25 26

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