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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL HERNANDEZ GONZALEZ,
Plaintiff,
v.
GUARD H. PEREZ, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 1:19-cv-1447-JLT (PC)

**ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTION FOR APPOINTMENT OF
COUNSEL**

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Plaintiff has filed his seventh request for the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court has ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In certain exceptional circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); Wood v. Housewright, 900 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required exceptional circumstances. Accordingly, the Court **DENIES** without prejudice Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 7, 2020

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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