Filed 11/02/2007 Case 2:07-cv-02284-LEW-DAD Document 5 Page 1 of 2 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 DOUGLAS J. WINSTON, 11 Petitioner, No. CIV S-07-2284 LEW DAD P 12 VS. 13 D.K. SISTO, Warden, 14 Respondent. **ORDER** 15 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a petition for a writ of 16 17 habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging the Board of Prison Terms' decision denying him parole. Petitioner has also filed an application to proceed in forma pauperis. 18 19 Examination of the in forma pauperis application reveals that petitioner is unable to afford the costs of suit. Accordingly, the application to proceed in forma pauperis will be 20 21 granted. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). 22 Since petitioner may be entitled to relief if the claimed violation of constitutional 23 rights is proved, respondent will be directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition. ///// 24 25 ///// 26

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis is granted;
- 2. Respondent is directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition within thirty days from the date of this order. See Rule 4, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. An answer shall be accompanied by all transcripts and other documents relevant to the issues presented in the petition. See Rule 5, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases;
- 3. If the response to the habeas petition is an answer, petitioner's reply, if any, shall be filed and served within thirty days after service of the answer;
- 4. If the response to the habeas petition is a motion, petitioner's opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion shall be filed and served within thirty days after service of the motion, and respondent's reply, if any, shall be filed and served within fifteen days thereafter; and
- 5. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order together with a copy of the petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on Michael Patrick Farrell, Senior Assistant Attorney General.

DATED: November 2, 2007.

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