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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 KENNETH MICHAEL FERGUSON,

11 Petitioner,

No. CIV S-08-1262 JAM EFB P

12 vs.

13 D.K. SISTO, Warden, et al.,

14 Respondents.

ORDER

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16 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding without counsel, seeks a writ of habeas corpus.
17 *See* 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has paid the filing fee.

18 A judge “entertaining an application for a writ of habeas corpus shall forthwith award the
19 writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted,
20 unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled
21 thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243. It is not apparent from the face of the application that the petitioner
22 is not entitled to relief.

23 Accordingly, it is hereby ordered that:

24 1. Respondent shall file and serve either an answer or a motion in response to
25 petitioner’s application within 60 days from the date of this order. *See* Rule 4, Fed. R.
26 Governing § 2254 Cases. Any response shall be accompanied by any and all transcripts or other

1 documents relevant to the determination of the issues presented in the application. *See* Rules 4,
2 5, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases.

3 2. Petitioner's reply, if any, shall be filed and served within 30 days of service of an
4 answer.

5 3. If the response to petitioner's application is a motion, petitioner's opposition or
6 statement of non-opposition shall be filed and served within 30 days of service of the motion,
7 and respondents' reply, if any, shall be filed within 15 days thereafter.

8 4. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order together with a copy of
9 petitioner's May 29, 2008, petition for a writ of habeas corpus with any and all attachments on
10 Michael Patrick Farrell, Senior Assistant Attorney General for the State of California.

11 DATED: January 26, 2009.

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13 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
14 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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