

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

TIMOTHY PRINCE FRANKLIN,

Petitioner, No. CIV S-08-1276 KJM P

VS.

JAMES WALKER, Warden,

Respondent. **ORDER**

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with an application to proceed in forma pauperis.

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 granted. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

Since petitioner may be entitled to relief if the claimed violation of constitutional rights is proved, respondents will be directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition.

Because petitioner has not returned the form indicating whether or not he will consent to the magistrate judge's jurisdiction, the court concludes he is declining to consent; this case therefore should be reassigned to a district judge as well as to the undersigned magistrate judge.

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

2 1. Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis is granted;

3 2. Respondents are directed to file a response to petitioner's habeas petition

4 within sixty days from the date of this order. See Rule 4, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. An

5 answer shall be accompanied by all transcripts and other documents relevant to the issues

6 presented in the petition. See Rule 5, Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases;

7 3. If the response to the habeas petition is an answer, petitioner's reply, if any,
8 shall be filed and served within thirty days after service of the answer;

9 4. If the response to the habeas petition is a motion, petitioner's opposition or
10 statement of non-opposition to the motion shall be filed and served within thirty days after
11 service of the motion, and respondents' reply, if any, shall be filed and served within fifteen days
12 thereafter;

13 5. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order together with a copy of
14 the petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 on Michael Patrick Farrell,
15 Senior Assistant Attorney General; and

16 6. The Clerk of Court is directed to assign a district judge to this case.

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18 DATED: February 5, 2009.

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