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8	IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
10	STEVEN DEXTER BROOKS,
11	Plaintiff, No. 2:08-cv-2512 KJM KJN P
12	VS.
13	T. FELKER, et al.,
14	Defendants. ORDER
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1	Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's March 3, 2011 request
2	for the appointment of counsel (dkt. no. 51) is denied.
3	DATED: March 11, 2011
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6	KENDALL J. NEWMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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