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

DOUGLAS J. WINSTON,

No. CIV S-08-3140 CMK P

Plaintiff,

vs.

ORDER

JAMES TILTON, et al.,

Defendants.

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Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff has requested 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. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel will therefore be denied.

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1 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the
2 appointment of counsel (Doc. 3) is denied.

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4 DATED: January 14, 2009

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6 **CRAIG M. KELLISON**
7 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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