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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	MICHAEL BAKER,	No. 2:09-cv-2757 MCE KJN P
12	Plaintiff,	
13	v.	<u>ORDER</u>
14	PEREZ, et al.,	
15	Defendants.	
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17	Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court has	
18	ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983	
19	cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In certain exceptional	
20	circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §	
21	1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); Wood v. Housewright, 900	
22	F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required	
23	exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel will therefore be	
24	denied.	
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1	Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the appointment of	
2	counsel (ECF No. 150) is denied.	
3	Dated: November 21, 2013	
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5	bake2757.31  KENDALL J. NEWMAN UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE	
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