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

TONY ANDRE SAMPSON,

Petitioner,

vs.

ORDER

U.S. DISTRICT COURT,

Respondent.

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Pending before the court is petitioner's amended petition (Doc. 8). "A petitioner for habeas corpus relief must name the state officer having custody of him or her as the respondent to the petition." <u>Stanley v. California Supreme Court</u>, 21 F.3d 359, 360 (9th Cir. 1994); <u>see also Rule 2(a)</u>, Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. Because petitioner has not named the appropriate state officer, the petition must be dismissed with leave to amend to name the correct respondent. <u>See Stanley</u>, 21 F.3d at 360. The court

Petitioner's original petition named "U.S. Court of Appeals" as the respondent. The amended petition filed on March 29, 2010, which supercedes the original petition, names the United States District Court as the respondent.

observes that this is the second time petitioner has been instructed to name the correct respondent. Further failure to comply may result in the dismissal of this action. See Local Rule 110.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Petitioner's amended petition for writ of habeas corpus (Doc. 8) is dismissed with leave to amend;
- 2. Petitioner shall file an amended petition on the form employed by this court, and which names the proper respondent and states all claims and requests for relief, within 30 days of the date of this order; and
- 3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send petitioner the court's form habeas corpus application.

DATED: April 21, 2010

CRAIG M. KELLISON

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE