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

HARRISON SCOTT,

Petitioner,

No. CIV S-10-1107 GGH P

VS.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA,1

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.

¹ "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) (citing Rule 2(a), 28 U.S.C. foll. § 2254). In the instant action, petitioner has named the People of the State of California as respondents. Petitioner will be ordered to substitute the proper custodian.