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8 **IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 TONY XIMENEZ,

No. 2:12-CV-3029-CMK-P

12 Petitioner,

13 vs.

ORDER

14 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS,

15 Respondent.
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17 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, brings this apparent petition for a
18 writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

19 Petitioner has not filed a complete application to proceed in forma pauperis, along
20 with a “certification from the warden or other appropriate officer of the place of confinement
21 showing the amount of money or securities that the petitioner has in any account in the
22 institution” as required by Rule 3(a)(2) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, or
23 paid the required filing fee. See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a), 1915(a). Petitioner will be provided the
24 opportunity to submit either a completed application to proceed in forma pauperis, with the
25 required certification, or pay the appropriate filing fee. As to the certification requirement, while
26 a copy of petitioner’s prison trust account statement certified by prison officials is not required to

1 satisfy the requirement, such a statement will suffice. Petitioner is warned that failure to comply
2 with this order may result in the dismissal of this action for lack of prosecution and failure to
3 comply with court rules and orders. See Local Rule 110.

4 Rule 2(c) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases requires that every
5 habeas corpus petition must: (1) specify all the grounds for relief; (2) state the facts supporting
6 each ground for relief; (3) state the relief requested; (4) be printed, typewritten, or legibly
7 handwritten; and (5) be signed under penalty of perjury. In the instant case, petitioner has not
8 met these requirements. In fact, petitioner has not filed any kind of petition at all. Rather, he
9 seeks an order to “stay” proceedings until counsel can be appointed to assist him. It is
10 impossible, however, to evaluate any request for appointment of counsel absent some indication
11 of the nature of petitioner’s claims. For example, the court cannot even determined correct venue
12 because petitioner does not state where he was convicted, or even that he is challenging his
13 conviction. Without at least some information concerning his claims, the court simply cannot
14 evaluate petitioner’s case.

15 Petitioner will be provided an opportunity to file a petition which satisfies Rule
16 2(c). Petitioner is warned that failure to comply with this order may result in the dismissal of this
17 action. See Local Rule 110.

18 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

19 1. Petitioner shall file a petition on the form employed by this court, and
20 which satisfies the requirements of Rule 2(c) of the Federal Rules Governing Section 2254
21 Cases, within 30 days of the date of this order;

22 2. Petitioner shall submit on the form provided by the Clerk of the Court,
23 within 30 days from the date of this order, a complete application for leave to proceed in forma
24 pauperis, with the certification required by Rule 3(a)(2), or pay the appropriate filing fee; and

25 3. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send petitioner a new form
26 Application to Proceed In Forma Pauperis By a Prisoner; and

4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send petitioner the court's form habeas corpus application.

DATED: January 3, 2013


CRAIG M. KELLISON
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE