1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 ANTHONY MELLONE, No. 2:13-cv-1037 AC P 12 Petitioner. 13 ORDER and v. 14 MIKE BADCOCK, FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS 15 Respondent. 16 17 Petitioner is a federal prisoner who proceeds pro se on this application for relief under 28 18 U.S.C. § 2241. Petitioner has not, however, filed an in forma pauperis affidavit or paid the 19 required filing fee (\$5.00). See 28 U.S.C. §§ 1914(a); 1915(a). 20 The court has undertaken a preliminary review of the petition, pursuant to Rule 4 of the 21 Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases ("Habeas Rules") (made applicable to this proceeding by 22 Habeas Rule 1(a)). The court finds that it lacks subject matter jurisdiction to review the petition 23 because petitioner, among other things, admits that he has failed to exhaust his available 24 remedies, and because certain claims are barred under 28 U.S.C. § 2244. Accordingly, the 25 undersigned will recommend that the petition be summarily dismissed. 26 Petitioner claims that he is currently at the Federal Correctional Institution at Herlong, 27 serving a 30 month sentence imposed in February 2010 by the United States District Court in 28 Miami. See Petition, ECF No. 1 at 1. Petitioner claims that, as part of his negotiated plea 1

agreement, he was to serve six months in a halfway house. <u>Id.</u> Petitioner does not provide the court with a copy of the plea agreement. He appears to claim that he has not been placed in a halfway house, or that he has been denied consideration "for placement into residential re-entry, home detention program or early release for the six-months of his thirty month sentence." <u>Id.</u> at 2; see also id. at 6, 10.

Petitioner also appears to allege that the Bureau of Prisons ("BOP") has incorrectly calculated his good-time credits, or that they have incorrectly withheld credits from him, or that petitioner's good-time credits were forfeited wrongfully after a disciplinary infraction. <u>Id.</u> at 4.

Petitioner also advises the court that he previously filed a motion to vacate his sentence under 28 U.S.C. § 2255, in the Southern District of Florida. <u>Id.</u> The prior petition was apparently denied after counsel was appointed for petitioner, though petitioner does not say when. <u>Id.</u>

Petitioner claims that his motions to reopen, and for a certificate of appealability, have been denied, but again does not say when. <u>Id.</u>

## Successive Claims are Barred under 28 U.S.C. § 2244

Petitioner claims that he filed a prior motion to vacate his conviction and sentence in his sentencing court. To the extent petitioner seeks relief from this court of the sentencing court's decision on his § 2255 motion, this court should decline to exercise jurisdiction over the application. See, e.g., Treadway v. Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences, 783 F.2d 1418, 1422 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1986). Moreover, all claims that were raised, or that could have been raised, before the sentencing court in the prior petition, should be barred as successive. See 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b).

Accordingly, the undersigned recommends that Grounds One, Four, and Eight be dismissed without prejudice to renewal after petitioner complies with 28 U.S.C. § 2244(b)(3).

## Petitioner's Remaining Claims are Not Exhausted, and are Vague

Section 2241 does not specifically require petitioners to exhaust administrative remedies before filing petitions for writ of habeas corpus; however, the Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit, in which this district is located, requires "as a prudential matter, that habeas petitioners exhaust available judicial and administrative remedies before seeking relief under § 2241."

## Castro-Cortez v. INS, 239 F.3d 1037, 1047 (9th Cir. 2001).

Petitioner admits that he has failed to exhaust his available administrative remedies, and claims that because his time is short, he should be excused from doing so. He also claims that he has been advised not to file further paperwork with the BOP. Petition, ECF No. 1 at 1 ("due to facts, based on the 'time' petition has remaining is short, and because of being advised not to file any more (BOP) forms or administrative requests, (Nature to be fully disclosed at latter [sic] time in court!)"); see also id. at 7.

The difficulty with this petition is that petitioner fails to advise the court of the relevant details surrounding the denial of his housing request. For example, the court cannot determine from petitioner's conclusory statements how petitioner requested a change in housing, when the request was denied (and by whom), and the reasons for the denial. Petitioner also fails to include any details about his good time credit calculations, or the disciplinary which he argues resulted in loss of credits.

The court in this case is unable to determine the reasons for petitioner's allegedly unconstitutional detention. Even if petitioner's claims were exhausted, the court would be constrained to dismiss them as vague. Accordingly, the undersigned recommends that Grounds Two, Three, Five, and Six be dismissed without prejudice to renewal after petitioner has exhausted his available administrative remedies.

## **Petitioner's "Judicial Notice" Claim**

Ground Seven, entitled "Judicial Notice," generally reads that the constitutional rights and welfare of prisoners at Herlong are being violated. Petitioner fails to specify if he is among the prisoners whose rights are being violated.

Petitioner is advised that, if he wishes to pursue a claim that his constitutional rights have been violated by a federal employee, he must do so in a civil rights complaint filed pursuant to Bivens v. Six Unknown Named Agents of the Federal Bureau of Narcotics, 403 U.S. 388 (1971).

Petitioner does not have standing to raise these claims because he has alleged no injury to his own rights or person. See Valley Forge Christian College v. Americans United for Separation of Church and State, 454 U.S. 464, 472 (1982) (party who invokes court's authority must "show

1	that he personally has suffered some actual or threatened injury as a result of the putatively illegal
2	conduct of the defendant"); Johns v. County of San Diego, 114 F.32d 874, 876 (9th Cir. 1997)
3	("[C]onstitutional claims are personal and cannot be asserted vicariously."), citing U.S. v.
4	Mitchell, 915 F.2d 521, 526 n.8 (in asserting outrageous conduct of government as defense,
5	defendant has no standing "to raise the rights of others whose rights may have been violated).
6	In addition, petitioner may not bring a civil rights action on behalf of other inmates. As a
7	non-attorney, plaintiff may appear pro se on his own behalf, but that privilege is personal to him.
8	C.E. Pope Equity Trust v. U.S., 818 F.2d 696, 697 (9th Cir.1987).
9	The undersigned recommends that Ground Seven be dismissed without prejudice to the
10	filing of an appropriate civil complaint.
11	Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that a district judge be assigned to this action,
12	and
13	IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that the petition be summarily dismissed, pursuant to
14	Habeas Rule 4, without prejudice, for the reasons outlined above.
15	These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge
16	assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(l). Within twenty-eight
17	days after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
18	objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned
19	"Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Any reply to the objections
20	shall be served and filed within twenty-eight days after service of the objections. The parties are
21	advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the
22	District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).
23	DATED: June 3, 2013
24	ALLISUN CLAIRE
25	UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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