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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 JAMES S. ALEXANDER,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 SOLANO COUNTY DETENTION  
14 FACILITY, et al.,

15 Defendants.

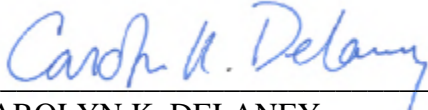
No. 2:13-cv-2566 GEB CKD P

ORDER

16 Plaintiff has requested the appointment of counsel. The United States Supreme Court has  
17 ruled that district courts lack authority to require counsel to represent indigent prisoners in § 1983  
18 cases. Mallard v. United States Dist. Court, 490 U.S. 296, 298 (1989). In certain exceptional  
19 circumstances, the court may request the voluntary assistance of counsel pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §  
20 1915(e)(1). Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017 (9th Cir. 1991); Wood v. Housewright, 900  
21 F.2d 1332, 1335-36 (9th Cir. 1990). In the present case, the court does not find the required  
22 exceptional circumstances. Plaintiff's request for the appointment of counsel will therefore be  
23 denied.

24 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's request for the appointment of  
25 counsel (ECF No. 40) is denied.

26 Dated: April 8, 2015

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CAROLYN K. DELANEY  
28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE