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8	UNITED STAT	ES DISTRICT COURT
9	FOR THE EASTERN	DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11	BRADLEY ALAN DAYLEY,	No. 2:14-cv-2691 MCE DB P
12	Petitioner,	
13	v.	FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS
14	JEFFREY BEARD, SECRETARY OF	
15	THE CALIFORNIA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS AND	
16	REHABILITATION, <sup>1</sup>	
17	Respondent.	
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19	Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding	ng pro se with a petition for a writ of habeas corpus
20	under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner alleges h	is trial counsel's failure to file the appropriate forms
21	to initiate his appeal violated petitioner's right	ts to the effective assistance of counsel under the
22	Sixth Amendment. Before the court is respon	ndent's motion to dismiss the petition as untimely.
23	For the reasons set forth below, the undersign	ned will recommend respondent's motion be granted.
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26		t of state. In his petition, he challenges a conviction unty Superior Court. According to petitioner, he
27	will serve the sentence for this state conviction after he completes his federal sentence. (See ECI No. 1 at 10.) Pursuant to respondent's request, the court replaces the Warden of FCI Marianna,	
28	, <b>1</b> 1	nt, with Jeffrey Beard. ( <u>See</u> ECF No. 11 at 1 n.1.) 1

1	BACKGROUND
2	On August 26, 2011, petitioner plead guilty in Sacramento County Superior Court to
3	numerous counts of sexually abusing children. He was sentenced to a determinate state prison
4	term of thirty years and eight months, plus an indeterminate term of thirty years to life. <sup>2</sup> (See
5	Lodged Documents ("LD") 1, 2. <sup>3</sup> ) On November 28, 2011, a notice of appeal was received. <sup>4</sup> On
6	January 10, 2012, attorney John Schuck was appointed to represent petitioner on appeal. On
7	February 10, 2012, attorney Schuck filed an opening appellate brief. On July 16, 2012, the
8	California Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District corrected the initials of the victims'
9	names, modified the restitution and fee assessments, and affirmed the judgment in all other
10	respects. (LD 2.) Petitioner sought review in the California Supreme Court. (LD 3.) The
11	California Supreme Court denied review on September 19, 2012. (LD 4.)
12	Petitioner subsequently filed three pro se state habeas corpus petitions. He filed the first
13	on January 10, 2014 in the Sacramento County Superior Court. (LD 5.) It was denied on March
14	10, 2014. (LD 6.) He filed the second on April 30, 2014 in the California Court of Appeal for the
15	Third Appellate District. (LD 7.) That petition was denied on May 15, 2014. (LD 8.) Petitioner
16	filed his third state habeas petition in the California Supreme Court on June 6, 2014. (LD 9.) It
17	was denied on September 10, 2014. (LD 10.)
18	Petitioner initiated the present action by filing a petition for a writ of habeas corpus under
19	28 U.S.C. § 2254 on November 12, 2014. (ECF No. 1.) On January 7, 2015, the court ordered
20	respondent to file a response to the petition. (ECF No. 6.) Respondent filed the present motion
21	on March 6, 2015. (ECF No. 11.)
22	$\frac{1}{2}$ According to petitioner, immediately after the state sentencing, he was transferred to federal
23	custody to be sentenced in federal court. He has remained in federal custody since then. (Pet. (ECF No. 1 at 13).)
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25	<sup>3</sup> Respondent lodged relevant portions of the state court record. (See ECF No. 12.)
26	<sup>4</sup> Some dates have been gleaned from the docket of the Court of Appeal for the Third Appellate District, which is available online at <u>http://appellatecases.courtinfo.ca.gov</u> . On a motion to
27	dismiss, this court may take judicial notice of "matters of public record" pursuant to Federal Rule of Evidence 201. <u>MGIC Indem. Corp. v. Weisman</u> , 803 F.2d 500, 504 (9th Cir. 1986); see also
28	Lee v. City of Los Angeles, 250 F.3d 668, 689-90 (9th Cir. 2001).
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1	MOTION TO DISMISS
2	Respondent alleges that petitioner's habeas petition was filed beyond the one-year statute
3	of limitations set forth in the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act ("AEDPA"), 28
4	U.S.C. § 2244(d). (ECF No. 11.) Petitioner opposes the motion on the grounds that he filed the
5	petition within one year of discovering that his attorney failed to file the proper documentation for
6	his appeal. (ECF No. 16.) In his reply, respondent argues petitioner failed to exercise reasonable
7	diligence to discover his claim. (ECF No. 17.)
8	I. Legal Standards
9	A. Standards for Motion to Dismiss
10	Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases allows a district court to dismiss a
11	petition if it "plainly appears from the face of the petition and any exhibits annexed to it that the
12	petitioner is not entitled to relief in the district court." The Court of Appeals for the Ninth
13	Circuit construes a motion to dismiss a habeas petition as a request for the court to dismiss under
14	Rule 4. See O'Bremski v. Maass, 915 F.2d 418, 420 (9th Cir. 1991). Accordingly, the court will
15	review respondent's motion to dismiss pursuant to its authority under Rule 4.
16	In ruling on a motion to dismiss, the court "must accept factual allegations in the [petition] as
17	true and construe the pleadings in the light most favorable to the non-moving party." <u>Fayer v.</u>
18	Vaughn, 649 F.3d 1061, 1064 (9th Cir. 2011) (quoting Manzarek v. St. Paul Fire & Marine Ins.
19	Co., 519 F.3d 1025, 1030 (9th Cir. 2008)). In general, exhibits attached to a pleading are "part of
20	the pleading for all purposes." Hartmann v. Cal. Dept. of Corr. and Rehab., 707 F.3d 1114, 1124
21	(9th Cir. 2013) (quoting Fed. R. Civ. P. 10(c)).
22	<b>B. AEDPA Statute of Limitations</b>
23	AEDPA's one-year statute of limitations provides in pertinent part:
24 25	A 1-year period of limitation shall apply to an application for a writ of habeas corpus by a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court. The limitation period shall run from the latest of—
26	(A) the date on which the judgment became final by the
27	conclusion of direct review or the expiration of the time for seeking such review ; or
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1 2	(D) the date on which the factual predicate of the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence.
3	28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1).
4	1. Trigger Dates for the Limitations Period
5	Under subsection (d)(1)(A), the limitations period runs from the time a petition for certiorari
6	to the United States Supreme Court was due, or, if one was filed, from the final decision by that
7	court. Lawrence v. Florida, 549 U.S. 327, 339 (2007).
8	Under subsection (d)(1)(D), the objective standard for determining when time begins to run is
9	"when the prisoner knows (or through diligence could discover) the important facts, not when
10	the prisoner recognizes their legal significance."" Hasan v. Galaza, 254 F.3d 1150, 1154 n.3 (9th
11	Cir. 2001) (quoting Owens v. Boyd, 235 F.3d 356, 359 (7th Cir. 2000)). "Due diligence does not
12	require 'the maximum feasible diligence,' but it does require reasonable diligence in the
13	circumstances." Ford v. Gonzalez, 683 F.3d 1230, 1235 (9th Cir. 2012) (citation omitted). Thus,
14	"[a]lthough section 2244(d)(1)(D)'s due diligence requirement is an objective standard, a court
15	also considers the petitioner's particular circumstances." Id. The requirement of due diligence
16	generally implies an affirmative duty to investigate after some triggering event has raised, or
17	should have raised, the suspicion that further investigation might prove fruitful. See, e.g., Singh
18	v. Gonzales, 491 F.3d 1090, 1096 (9th Cir. 2007); Conmar Corp. v. Mitsui & Co. (U.S.A.), Inc.,
19	858 F.2d 499, 504 (9th Cir. 1988).
20	2. Tolling

The limitations period is statutorily tolled during the time in which "a properly filed 21 application for State post-conviction or other collateral review with respect to the pertinent 22 judgment or claim is pending." 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(2). A state petition is "properly filed," and 23 thus qualifies for statutory tolling, if "its delivery and acceptance are in compliance with the 24 applicable laws and rules governing filings." Artuz v. Bennett, 531 U.S. 4, 8 (2000). "The period 25 between a California lower court's denial of review and the filing of an original petition in a 26 higher court is tolled—because it is part of a single round of habeas relief—so long as the filing is 27 timely under California law." Banjo v. Ayers, 614 F.3d 964, 968 (9th Cir. 2010) (citing Evans v. 28

1	Chavis, 546 U.S. 189, 191-93 (2006)); see also Carey v. Saffold, 536 U.S. 214, 216-17 (2002)
2	(within California's state collateral review system, a properly filed petition is considered
3	"pending" under section 2244(d)(2) during its pendency in the reviewing court as well as during
4	the interval between a lower state court's decision and the filing of a petition in a higher court,
5	provided the latter is filed within a "reasonable time").
6	The limitations period may be equitably tolled if a petitioner establishes "(1) that he has been
7	pursuing his rights diligently, and (2) that some extraordinary circumstance stood in his way' and
8	prevented timely filing." Holland v. Florida, 560 U.S. 631, 649 (2010) (quoting Pace v.
9	DiGuglielmo, 544 U.S. 408, 418 (2005)). An extraordinary circumstance must be more than
10	merely "oversight, miscalculation or negligence on [the petitioner's] part." <u>Waldron-Ramsey v.</u>
11	Pacholke, 556 F.3d 1008, 1011 (9th Cir. 2009) (quoting Harris v. Carter, 515 F.3d 1051, 1055
12	(9th Cir. 2008)). Rather, petitioner must show that some "external force" "stood in his way." Id.
13	"The high threshold of extraordinary circumstances is necessary lest the exceptions swallow the
14	rule." Lakey v. Hickman, 633 F.3d 782 (9th Cir. 2011) (citations and internal quotation marks
15	omitted).
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1 reinitiated by the filing of a state habeas petition, even if that habeas petition was timely under 2 state law. See Ferguson v. Palmateer, 321 F.3d 820, 823 (9th Cir. 2003).

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## **B.** Timeliness Under Subsection (d)(1)(D)

4 Petitioner contends his filing is timely under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1)(D) because he filed 5 within one year of discovering the factual predicate for his claims. According to petitioner, he 6 did not discover that his attorney had failed to properly initiate his appeal until he received copies 7 of the denial of his appeal from his family in October 2013. (ECF No. 13 at 4.) Respondent 8 argues petitioner was not diligent in learning about his appeal and therefore should not benefit 9 from a later trigger date under subsection (d)(1)(D).

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## 1. Factual Background Presented

11 Petitioner relates the following facts, which are not disputed by respondent. (Pet. (ECF 12 No. 1 at 12-32).)

13 On August 16, 2011, petitioner plead guilty to fifteen counts of unlawful sexual activity 14 with a minor. On September 23, 2011, he was sentenced to 60 years, plus 8 months, to life. 15 Petitioner did not waive his right to appeal in the plea agreement. Petitioner states that after he 16 was sentenced in state court, he was transferred to various facilities before he appeared in federal 17 court to be sentenced there. He was then sent to federal prison, where he remains today.

18 After he was sentenced, petitioner told his trial attorney he wanted to appeal. Petitioner 19 was aware that his notice of appeal was due 60 days after sentencing, which would have been 20 November 23, 2011. On November 21, no notice of appeal had been filed so petitioner filed a pro 21 se notice on November 23, 2011. That notice was rejected by the Court of Appeals because it 22 was received after the deadline.

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Petitioner then contacted the Central California Appellate Project ("CCAP") to assist him 24 with his appeal. CCAP sent petitioner's defense counsel a letter notifying him that petitioner 25 wished to appeal and instructing him that to appeal from a guilty plea, petitioner would need to 26 file a Request for a Certificate of Probable Cause with the notice of appeal.

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28 //// On January 10, 2012, the Court of Appeal appointed appellate counsel for petitioner. Petitioner states that the notice of that appointment was the last thing he heard about his appeal. According to petitioner, that appointed attorney never contacted him.

Petitioner contends that he was not permitted to bring any of his legal materials with him
to federal prison. Therefore, he did not have the name of his appellate lawyer and had to rely on
his family to obtain information for him. In addition, petitioner did not have access to California
state court research materials while he was in federal prison.

8 In the fall of 2013, petitioner asked his family to investigate what had become of his
9 appeal. Eventually, in the late fall of 2013, his parents obtained copies of the appeal brief and the
10 denial of petitioner's appeal. Petitioner learned then for the first time that the only claim raised
11 on appeal was a challenge to a booking fee. He also learned that the reason appellate counsel was
12 unable to raise any other claims was due to trial counsel's failure to request a Certificate of
13 Probable Cause when he filed the notice of appeal.

Shortly after petitioner learned of defense counsel's failure to obtain a Certificate of
Probably Cause and of the denial of his appeal, petitioner sought state habeas relief.

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## 2. Was the Petition Timely Under Subsection (d)(1)(D)?

Whether or not petitioner satisfies the subsection (d)(1)(D) standard hinges on whether it was reasonable to wait as long as he did to investigate the status of his appeal. According to petitioner, the last thing he heard regarding his appeal was that he had been appointed counsel on January 10, 2012. According to the declaration of petitioner's mother, he asked her to look into the status of his appeal in early September 2013. (Ex. E to Pet. (ECF No. 1 at 45).) Therefore, petitioner waited about 20 months to do any investigation into his appeal.

Initially, the court finds petitioner's reason for waiting so long to investigate his appeal does not ring true or reasonable. Petitioner states that he assumed appellate counsel had filed an appeal and he was waiting to hear the result. However, petitioner also states that he never had any communication with appellate counsel. It is unclear how petitioner thought appellate counsel could raise claims on his behalf. It is also unclear what petitioner contends those unraised claims are. Petitioner repeatedly asserts that he had appealable issues but he does not identify them. The obvious need for petitioner's counsel to discuss any appealable issues with him seems particularly
 true here because petitioner plead guilty. Therefore, there was no trial record upon which
 appellate counsel could have based an appeal.

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That said, even if it was reasonable for petitioner to believe his appellate attorney would raise appropriate issues on appeal, it was not reasonable for petitioner to wait as long as he did to pursue information about his appeal. While the case law does not establish a rule of thumb for diligence in discovering information about an appeal, the case law makes clear that a person in petitioner's circumstances waiting well over a year and a half to investigate the status of an appeal does not demonstrate due diligence.

10 Although analyzed objectively, the "due diligence" inquiry is individualized and requires a court to consider the totality of the circumstances. See Aron v. United States, 291 F.3d 708, 11 712 (11th Cir. 2002).<sup>5</sup> In considering a prisoner's claim that counsel was constitutionally 12 ineffective for failing to file a proper notice of appeal, a court should focus on the prisoner's 13 14 conditions of confinement, a prisoner's ability to communicate with the court and counsel, and 15 communications between the prisoner and the prisoner's counsel and between the prisoner and the 16 court. See, e.g., Ryan v. United States, 657 F.3d 604, 607–08 (7th Cir. 2011); Anjulo–Lopez v. 17 United States, 541 F.3d 814, 818–19 (8th Cir. 2008); Aron, 291 F.3d at 712; Wims v. United States, 225 F.3d 186, 190–91 (2nd Cir. 2000). Moreover, section 2244(d)(1)(D) "does not require 18 19 the maximum feasible diligence, ... [it requires] only 'due,' or reasonable, diligence." Aron, 291 20 F.3d at 712 (citing Wims, 225 F.3d at 190 n. 4). Thus, "[d]ue diligence . . . does not require a 21 prisoner to undertake repeated exercises in futility or to exhaust every imaginable option, but

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<sup>&</sup>lt;sup>5</sup> Many of the cases cited involve the statute of limitations for federal prisoner to bring habeas actions under 28 U.S.C. § 2255. The limitations period under that section, subsection (f), is in relevant parts the same as the limitations period under section 2254(d). The language of section 2254(d)(1)(D) considered here is essentially the same as the language of section 2255(f)(4) which also provides a trigger date for the statute of limitations from the time the "facts supporting the claim or claims presented could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence." Accordingly, as other courts have done, this court considers cases examining section 2255(f)(4)'s diligence requirement as authority for the standards of diligence under section 2254(d)(1)(D).

See McAleese v. Brennan, 483 F.3d 206, 216 n. 13 (3rd Cir. 2007); Stewart v. Stephens, No.
 7:13-cv-013-O, 2015 WL 6522828, at \*2 (N.D. Tex. Oct. 26, 2015).

rather to make reasonable efforts." <u>Id.</u> In sum, the term "due diligence" "is an inexact measure
 of how much delay is too much." <u>Johnson v. United States</u>, 544 U.S. 295, 309 n. 7 (2005).

The Seventh has Circuit noted that "[n]o rule of thumb emerges from the cases on how long prisoners may take to discover their lawyers' missteps, and we hesitate to pick a magic number." <u>Ryan</u>, 657 F.3d at 607. In a number of cases, including <u>Ryan</u>, courts considered how long it would take a duly diligent prisoner to discover that his lawyer failed to file a notice of appeal. The undersigned finds the reasonable diligence involved in determining whether a notice of appeal has been filed similar to the reasonable diligence involved in determining whether an appellate brief has been filed.

10 While various circuit courts have reached differing results on how long it would take a 11 duly diligent prisoner to discover that the prisoner's lawyer failed to file a notice of appeal, all 12 courts appear to agree that a year is too long. Id.; compare, e.g., Granger v. Hurt, 90 Fed. Appx. 13 97, 100 (6th Cir. 2004) (prisoner may wait at least two months after his sentencing hearing before 14 inquiring whether counsel filed a notice of appeal and still be found to have acted with "due 15 diligence"), and Wims, 225 F.3d at 188, 191 (prisoner who waited five months to file his motion 16 to vacate may have acted with "due diligence" given that he only waited four months after his 17 sentencing hearing before inquiring whether his counsel filed a notice of appeal), with Anjulo-18 Lopez, 541 F.3d at 818–19 (prisoner who "waited an entire year to even contact his attorney 19 regarding his appeal" did not act with "due diligence" (emphasis omitted)), and Montenegro v. 20 United States, 248 F.3d 585, 588, 593 (7th Cir. 2001) (prisoner who waited nearly two years to 21 file a motion to vacate did not act with "due diligence" given that six months after his sentencing 22 hearing the prisoner had received a docket sheet "that revealed that an appeal in his case had not 23 been filed"), partially overruled on other grounds by Ashley v. United States, 266 F.3d 671 (7th 24 Cir. 2001). "[T]he district court need not decide precisely how long is too long if it can safely say 25 that, whenever the line is, [the prisoner's case] lies on one side or the other." Ryan, 657 F.3d at 608. 26

In the present case, petitioner states that he was transferred several times before ending up
in federal custody. Petitioner does not explain how long those transfers took or when he arrived

1 at FCI Mariana, where he is currently incarcerated. Further, petitioner does not explain why he 2 was unable to request information on his appeal during the time he was in state custody or why he 3 could not send and receive mail when he was in federal custody. While he states that the federal 4 prison did not have California state legal materials, he could have sent letters or made phone calls 5 to courts, or asked family members to do so, to obtain information on his appeal, including his 6 attorney's name and address, which would have been a matter of public record. Cf. Anjulo-7 Lopez, 541 F.3d at 819 (considering whether prisoner could have learned needed information 8 through a public record in assessing "due diligence"); Green v. Johnson, 515 F.3d 290, 305 (4th 9 Cir. 2008); Wade v. Robinson, 327 F.3d 328, 333 (4th Cir. 2003); Owens v. Boyd, 235 F.3d 356, 10 360 (7th Cir. 2000) ("[T]he lack of a[n appeal] was a matter of public record, which reasonable 11 diligence could have unearthed."). By petitioner's own account, he did nothing to inquire about 12 his appeal for over a year and a half.

This court finds that a prisoner in petitioner's circumstances exercising reasonable
diligence would have sought information about his appeal long before petitioner did and before
petitioner's direct review concluded on December 8, 2012. Had petitioner exercised reasonable
diligence, he would have known before December 8, 2012 that his appellate attorney raised only
one claim. Therefore, this court finds that petitioner is not entitled to a later trigger date for the
statute of limitations under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1)(D).

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## C. Equitable Tolling

Petitioner asks this court to find, in the alternative, that the limitations period was
equitably tolled. As described above, the limitations period may be equitably tolled if a petitioner
establishes that he was diligent in pursuing his rights and that some extraordinary circumstance
prevented timely filing. <u>Holland v. Florida</u>, 560 U.S. 631, 649 (2010). That "extraordinary
circumstance" must be something more than petitioner's own negligence; petitioner must show
that some external force stood in his way. <u>Waldron–Ramsey v. Pacholke</u>, 556 F.3d 1008, 1011
(9th Cir. 2009).

Here, petitioner fails the first part of the equitable tolling test because, as discussed above,
he has not shown he was diligent in pursuing his rights. <u>See Hannigan v. United States</u>, 131 F.

1	Supp. 3d 480, 495 (E.D. N.C. 2015) (court finds the petitioner lack of diligence under trigger date
2	provision means petitioner also lacked diligence required for equitable tolling), appeal dismissed,
3	638 Fed. Appx. 234 (4th Cir.), cert. denied, 137 S. Ct. 404 (2016). Because equitable tolling
4	requires a finding of both diligence and an extraordinary circumstance, this court finds petitioner
5	is not entitled to equitable tolling.
6	CONCLUSION
7	Petitioner's petition was untimely under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1)(A) and he is not entitled
8	to equitable tolling. Further, petitioner is not entitled to a later trigger date for the statute of
9	limitations under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(d)(1)(D).
10	For the foregoing reasons, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that respondent's motion
11	to dismiss be granted and this case be dismissed.
12	These findings and recommendations will be submitted to the United States District Judge
13	assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(l). Within fourteen days
14	after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
15	objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. The document should be captioned
16	"Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Any response to the
17	objections shall be filed and served within seven days after service of the objections. The parties
18	are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may result in waiver of the
19	right to appeal the district court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).
20	Dated: January 4, 2017
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