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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES MAXEY,
Plaintiff,
v.
UNITED STATES OF AMERICA, et al.,
Defendants.

No. 2:14-cv-2803 GEB CKD PS

ORDER AND
FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Plaintiff is proceeding in this action pro se. Plaintiff has requested authority pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915 to proceed in forma pauperis. This proceeding was referred to this court by Local Rule 302(c)(21).

Plaintiff has submitted the affidavit required by § 1915(a) showing that plaintiff is unable to prepay fees and costs or give security for them. Accordingly, the request to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a).

The federal in forma pauperis statute authorizes federal courts to dismiss a case if the action is legally “frivolous or malicious,” fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted, or seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. 28 U.S.C. § 1915(e)(2).

A claim is legally frivolous when it lacks an arguable basis either in law or in fact. Neitzke v. Williams, 490 U.S. 319, 325 (1989); Franklin v. Murphy, 745 F.2d 1221, 1227-28 (9th

1 Cir. 1984). The court may, therefore, dismiss a claim as frivolous where it is based on an
2 indisputably meritless legal theory or where the factual contentions are clearly baseless. Neitzke,
3 490 U.S. at 327.

4 In order to avoid dismissal for failure to state a claim a complaint must contain more than
5 “naked assertions,” “labels and conclusions” or “a formulaic recitation of the elements of a cause
6 of action.” Bell Atlantic Corp. v. Twombly, 550 U.S. 544, 555-557 (2007). In other words,
7 “[t]hreadbare recitals of the elements of a cause of action, supported by mere conclusory
8 statements do not suffice.” Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S. Ct. 1937, 1949 (2009). Furthermore, a claim
9 upon which the court can grant relief has facial plausibility. Twombly, 550 U.S. at 570. “A
10 claim has facial plausibility when the plaintiff pleads factual content that allows the court to draw
11 the reasonable inference that the defendant is liable for the misconduct alleged.” Iqbal, 129 S. Ct.
12 at 1949. When considering whether a complaint states a claim upon which relief can be granted,
13 the court must accept the allegations as true, Erickson v. Pardus, 127 S. Ct. 2197, 2200 (2007),
14 and construe the complaint in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, see Scheuer v. Rhodes, 416
15 U.S. 232, 236 (1974).

16 In this action, plaintiff alleges claims against a variety of federal and state officials. Like
17 the other 146 actions plaintiff has filed in this District in the past year, the instant complaint is
18 vague, conclusory, rambling, incoherent, and appears to be delusional. See Maxey v. United
19 States of America, 2:14-cv-900 JAM EFB PS, Findings and Recommendations filed April 29,
20 2014 (ECF No. 4). Plaintiff’s claims are utterly frivolous and amendment would be futile. No
21 further judicial resources should be expended in adjudicating plaintiff’s clearly meritless claims.

22 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff’s request to proceed in forma
23 paupers (ECF No. 2) is granted; and

24 IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that:

- 25 1. This action be dismissed without leave to amend; and
- 26 2. The Clerk of Court be directed to close this action.

27 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge
28 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within fourteen days

1 after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
2 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned
3 “Objections to Magistrate Judge’s Findings and Recommendations.” Failure to file objections
4 within the specified time may waive the right to appeal the District Court’s order. Martinez v.
5 Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

6 Dated: December 5, 2014

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9 CAROLYN K. DELANEY
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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