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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

TRAURE Z. NELSON,
Petitioner,
v.
J. MACDONALD,
Respondent.

No. 2:16-cv-0984-EFB P

ORDER

Petitioner is a state prisoner without counsel seeking a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. He seeks leave to proceed in forma pauperis. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a). Examination of the in forma pauperis affidavit reveals that petitioner is unable to afford the costs of suit. Therefore, the request is granted. To proceed further, however, petitioner must file an amended petition.

Under Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, the court must review all petitions for writ of habeas corpus and summarily dismiss any petition if it is plain that the petitioner is not entitled to relief. The court requires that all petitions for writs of habeas corpus be filed on the proper form, which is provided by this court. E.D. Cal. L.R. 190(b); see also Rule 2(c)-(d), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases.

Here, petitioner has used the proper form but he has not properly completed it by responding to the questions raised therein. As drafted, the court cannot determine the nature of

1 petitioner's intended grounds for relief or discharge its duty under Rule 4. *See* E.D. Cal. L.R.
2 190(e); Rule 2(c), Fed. R. Governing § 2254 Cases. Thus, petitioner must re-file his petition on
3 the proper form and clearly identify his intended claims for relief.

4 Accordingly, it is ORDERED that:

5 1. The petition (ECF No. 6) is dismissed with leave to file an amended petition within 30
6 days of the date of this order. Any amended petition must be filed on the form employed by this
7 court and must state all claims and prayers for relief on the form. It must bear the case number
8 assigned to this action and must bear the title "Amended Petition." Petitioner is cautioned that
9 failure to file an amended petition pursuant to this order may result in the dismissal of this action;

10 2. The Clerk of the Court is directed to send petitioner the court's form for application for
11 writ of habeas corpus; and

12 3. Petitioner's application to proceed in forma pauperis (ECF No. 7) is granted.

13 DATED: May 16, 2016.

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15 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
16 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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