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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 SYLVESTER GRIFFIN,

12 Petitioner,

13 v.

14 DEBBIE ASUNCION, Warden,

15 Respondent.  
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No. 2:16-cv-1835 KJN P

ORDER

17 Petitioner is a state prisoner, proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis, with an application  
18 for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner consented to proceed before  
19 the undersigned for all purposes. See 28 U.S.C. § 636(c). Petitioner challenges his 2012  
20 conviction for first degree murder, rape, and first degree residential burglary. Petitioner was  
21 sentenced to life without the possibility of parole.

22 In light of the complexity of the legal issues involved, the court has determined that the  
23 interests of justice require appointment of counsel. See 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B); see also  
24 Weygandt v. Look, 718 F.2d 952, 954 (9th Cir. 1983).

25 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 26 1. The Federal Defender is appointed to represent petitioner.  
27 2. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of this order on the Federal Defender,  
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1 Attention: Habeas Appointment.

2 3. Petitioner's counsel shall contact the Clerk's Office to make arrangements for copies of  
3 documents in the file.

4 4. Within sixty days from the date of this order, petitioner's counsel shall file and serve a  
5 status report addressing the timing and order of the following matters:

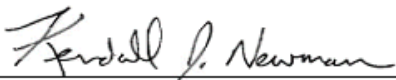
6 a. Anticipated motions;

7 b. Enumeration and resolution of unexhausted claims; and

8 c. Possible amendment to the petition.

9 Petitioner is advised that failure to timely file a status report may result in sanctions.

10 Dated: March 6, 2017

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12 KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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