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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

D'ANGELO L. ROGERS,
Petitioner,
v.
DAVID BAUGHMAN,
Respondent.

No. 2:19-cv-01656 MCE AC P

FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS

Petitioner is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis with a petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. On October 29, 2019, respondent filed and served a motion to dismiss this action on the ground it was filed after expiration of the one-year statute of limitations. ECF No. 17.

This court previously informed the parties that if the response to the petition was a motion, “petitioner’s opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion shall be filed and served within thirty (30) days after service of the motion.” ECF No. 9 at 2. According three additional days for service of respondent’s motion on petitioner by mail, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 6(d), the deadline for petitioner to submit his opposition to prison authorities for mailing¹ was Monday,

¹ Under the prison mailbox rule, a document is deemed served or filed on the date it was signed by the prisoner and given to prison officials for mailing. See Houston v. Lack, 487 U.S. 266 (1988) (establishing prison mailbox rule); Campbell v. Henry, 614 F.3d 1056, 1059 (9th Cir. 2010) (applying the mailbox rule to both state and federal filings by incarcerated inmates).

1 December 2, 2019.²

2 Had petitioner timely submitted his opposition for mailing by December 2, 2019, it would
3 have been received by the court by now, more than two weeks later. It is clear to the undersigned
4 that petitioner has failed to oppose respondent's motion.

5 Petitioner is informed of the following legal authority. Local Rule 230(l) provides:
6 "Failure of the responding party to file written opposition or to file a statement of no opposition
7 may be deemed a waiver of any opposition to the granting of the motion." Local Rule 110
8 provides that failure to comply with the Local Rules "may be grounds for imposition of any and
9 all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court." Rule 41(b),
10 Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, authorizes the dismissal of an action due to petitioner's failure
11 to prosecute.

12 Pursuant to this authority, the undersigned will recommend that this action be dismissed
13 without prejudice for failure to prosecute. Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b). Petitioner will be provided
14 twenty-one (21) days to file and serve objections. Should petitioner file objections, he shall
15 simultaneously file and serve his opposition to respondent's motion.

16 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY RECOMMENDED that this action be dismissed without
17 prejudice for failure to prosecute, Fed. R. Civ. P. 41(b).

18 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge
19 assigned to this case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within twenty-one (21)
20 days after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
21 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned
22 "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." If petitioner files
23 objections, he shall also file and serve his opposition to respondent's pending motion to dismiss.


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27 ² The last day of this period expired on Sunday, December 1, 2019. Under Fed. R. Civ. P.
28 6(a)(1)(C), when a deadline falls on a weekend or legal holiday, it is continued to the end of the
next day that is not a Saturday, Sunday or legal holiday.

1 The parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right
2 to appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

3 DATED: December 18, 2019

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