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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

BERNARD A. KING,

No. C 05-3666 WHA (PR)

Petitioner,

ORDER STAYING CASE

GEORGE M. GALAZA, Warden,

Respondent.

This is a habeas case filed pro se by a state prisoner. The only remaining issue in the case is whether the sentencing court violated Cunningham v. California, 127 S. Ct. 856, 871 (2007), in imposing an upper term and consecutive sentences. In the answer respondent argues that the Cunningham claim is not exhausted, that it is barred by Teague v. Lane, 489 U.S. 288 (1989), and that facts used to impose the upper term fell within the "prior conviction" exception to the *Cunningham* rule that sentencing facts must be found by a jury rather than the court. Respondent recognizes that all these contentions were rejected in *Butler v. Curry*, 528 F.3d 624 (9th Cir. 2008), but has raised them to preserve them.

The mandate has not yet issued in *Butler*, because the Ninth Circuit has stayed issuance of the mandate until at least October 27, 2008, to allow time for the state to decide whether to petition for certiorari. Butler v. Curry, No. 07-56204 (Order July 28, 2008). This case therefore will be stayed pending issuance of the mandate in *Butler*, which will simplify ruling on

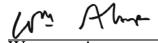
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respondent's contentions.¹ Also, the clerk will be instructed to administratively close the case, a purely statistical matter that has no legal effect.

CONCLUSION

This case is **STAYED** until November 3, 2008. The clerk shall administratively close the case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

¹ This stay does not fall afoul of *Yong v. INS*, 208 F.3d 1116, 1120-22 (9th Cir. 2000), because the stay will not be indefinite.

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