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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

ANTHONY E. GREEN,
Plaintiff,

v.

DR. CHARLES LEE, DR. MACK,
DR. ROBERT BOWMAN, D.
TYLER, R. RODRIGUEZ, L.
TURNER, R. SPRIGGS, et al,
Defendants.

No. C 08-2729 TEH (PR)
ORDER OF SERVICE
(Docket Nos. 1, 6)

Plaintiff, a prisoner of the State of California, currently incarcerated at Kern Valley State Prison in Delano, California, has filed a pro se civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging deliberate indifference to his serious medical needs by Defendants while he was incarcerated at Salinas Valley State Prison (“SVSP”). Plaintiff has also filed two motions to proceed in forma pauperis, which are GRANTED in a separate order filed simultaneously. (Docket nos. 1, 6).

DISCUSSION

A. Standard of Review

Federal courts must engage in a preliminary screening of cases in which prisoners seek redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). The court must identify cognizable claims or dismiss the complaint, or any portion of the complaint, if the complaint “is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim upon which relief may be granted,” or “seeks monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief.” Id., § 1915A(b). Pro se pleadings must be liberally construed, however. Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dept., 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990).

1 Pacifica Police Dept., 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1990).

2 To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two elements:
3 (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was violated,
4 and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the color of
5 state law. West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

6 **B. Legal Claims**

7 Deliberate indifference to serious medical needs violates the Eighth
8 Amendment's proscription against cruel and unusual punishment. See Estelle v.
9 Gamble, 429 U.S. 97, 104 (1976). Liberally construed, Plaintiff's allegations that
10 Defendants Spriggs, Rodriguez, Mack, Turner, Tyler, Bowman and Lee have denied
11 him medical care for his injuries and pain state cognizable claims under Section 1983
12 for deliberate indifference to serious medical needs and accordingly will be served on
13 the named Defendants other than Defendants McGuinness and Evans. See, e.g.,
14 Hoptowit v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1253 (9th Cir. 1982).

15 Defendants McGuinness and Evans are dismissed from this action, as Plaintiff
16 fails to assert any allegations against them other than their supervisory responsibilities.
17 A supervisor may be liable under Section 1983 upon a showing of (1) personal
18 involvement in the constitutional deprivation or (2) a sufficient causal connection
19 between the supervisor's wrongful conduct and the constitutional violation. Redman
20 v. County of San Diego, 942 F.2d 1435, 1446 (9th Cir. 1991) (en banc), cert. denied,
21 502 U.S. 1074 (1992). A supervisor therefore "is only liable for constitutional
22 violations of his subordinates if the supervisor participated in or directed the
23 violations, or knew of the violations and failed to act to prevent them." Taylor v. List,
24 880 F.2d 1040, 1045 (9th Cir. 1989). Given the absence of such allegations against
25 them, Defendants McGuinness and Evans are DISMISSED from this action.

26 **C. Plaintiff's Responsibility to Effectuate Service**

27 The Court shall direct the United States Marshal to serve copies of the
28 complaint on the remaining named Defendants. Although incarcerated plaintiffs

1 proceeding in forma pauperis may rely on service by the United States Marshal, “a
2 plaintiff may not remain silent and do nothing to effectuate such service. At a
3 minimum, a plaintiff should request service upon the appropriate defendant and
4 attempt to remedy any apparent service defects of which a plaintiff has knowledge.”
5 Rochon v. Dawson, 828 F.2d 1107, 1110 (5th Cir. 1987). If the Marshal is unable to
6 effectuate service through no fault of his own, for example, because Plaintiff failed to
7 provide sufficient information or because Defendant is not where Plaintiff claims, and
8 Plaintiff is informed, Plaintiff must seek to remedy the situation or face dismissal
9 regarding that Defendant pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m). See
10 Walker v. Sumner, 14 F.3d 1415, 1421-22 (9th Cir. 1994) (quoting Puett v. Blandford,
11 912 F.2d 270, 275 (9th Cir.1990)), overruled on other grounds, Sandin v. Connor, 515
12 U.S. 472 (1995). Rule 4(m) provides as follows:

13 If a defendant is not served within 120 days after the
14 complaint is filed, the court - on motion or on its own after
15 notice to the plaintiff - must dismiss the action without
16 prejudice against that defendant or order that service be
made within a specified time. But if the plaintiff shows
good cause for the failure, the court must extend the time for
service for an appropriate period.

17 Fed. R. Civ. P. 4(m).

18 Plaintiff has identified the following Defendants as available for service at
19 Salinas Valley State Prison: **Dr. Charles Lee; Dr. Mack; Dr. Robert Bowman; D.**
20 **Tyler, R. Rodriguez, L. Turner, R.N., R. Spriggs, Physical Therapist.**

21 CONCLUSION

22 For the foregoing reasons and for good cause shown,

- 23 1. All claims against Defendants McGuinness and Evans are DISMISSED
24 and these Defendants are TERMINATED from this action.
- 25 3. The Clerk shall issue summons and the United States Marshal shall
26 serve, without prepayment of fees, copies of the complaint in this
27 matter, all attachments thereto, and copies of this order on the remaining
28 Defendants: **Dr. Charles Lee; Dr. Mack; Dr. Robert Bowman; D.**

1 Tyler, R. Rodriguez, L. Turner, R.N., R. Spriggs, Physical Therapist
2 at Salinas Valley State Prison. The Clerk shall also mail courtesy
3 copies of the complaint and this order to the California Attorney
4 General's Office and a copy of this order on Plaintiff.

5 4. No later than **sixty (60) days** from the date of this order, Defendants
6 shall file a motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion
7 with respect to the claims found to be cognizable above.

8 a. If Defendants elect to file a motion to dismiss on the grounds
9 Plaintiff failed to exhaust his available administrative remedies as
10 required by 42 U.S.C. § 1997e(a), Defendants shall do so in an
11 unenumerated Rule 12(b) motion pursuant to Wyatt v. Terhune, 315
12 F.3d 1108, 1119-20 (9th Cir.), cert. denied, 540 U.S. 810 (2003).

13 b. Any motion for summary judgment shall be supported by
14 adequate factual documentation and shall conform in all respects to Rule
15 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. Defendants are advised that
16 summary judgment cannot be granted, nor qualified immunity found, if
17 material facts are in dispute. If any Defendant is of the opinion that this
18 case cannot be resolved by summary judgment, he shall so inform the
19 Court prior to the date the summary judgment motion is due.

20 5. Plaintiff's opposition to the dispositive motion shall be filed with the
21 Court and served on Defendants no later than **thirty (30) days** from the date
22 Defendants' motion is filed.

23 a. In the event Defendants file an unenumerated motion to dismiss
24 under Rule 12(b), Plaintiff is hereby cautioned as follows:¹

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27 ¹ The following notice is adapted from the summary judgment notice to be
28 given to pro se prisoners as set forth in Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir.
1998) (en banc), cert. denied, 527 U.S. 1035 (1999). See Wyatt, 315 F.3d at 1120 n.14.

1 The defendants have made a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule 12(b)
2 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the ground you have not
3 exhausted your administrative remedies. The motion will, if granted,
4 result in the dismissal of your case. When a party you are suing makes
5 a motion to dismiss for failure to exhaust, and that motion is properly
6 supported by declarations (or other sworn testimony) and/or documents,
7 you may not simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead, you
8 must set out specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to
9 interrogatories, or documents, that contradict the facts shown in the
10 defendant's declarations and documents and show that you have in fact
11 exhausted your claims. If you do not submit your own evidence in
12 opposition, the motion to dismiss, if appropriate, may be granted and
13 the case dismissed.

14 b. In the event defendants file a motion for summary judgment, the
15 Ninth Circuit has held that the following notice should be given to
16 plaintiffs:

17 The defendants have made a motion for summary judgment by which
18 they seek to have your case dismissed. A motion for summary
19 judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will, if
20 granted, end your case.

21 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for
22 summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted
23 when there is no genuine issue of material fact--that is, if there is no
24 real dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case, the
25 party who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as a
26 matter of law, which will end your case. When a party you are suing
27 makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly supported by
28 declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot simply rely on what
your complaint says. Instead, you must set out specific facts in
declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories, or authenticated
documents, as provided in Rule 56(e), that contradict the facts shown in
the defendants' declarations and documents and show that there is a
genuine issue of material fact for trial. If you do not submit your own
evidence in opposition, summary judgment, if appropriate, may be
entered against you. If summary judgment is granted in favor of
defendants, your case will be dismissed and there will be no trial.

29 See Rand, 154 F.3d at 963. Plaintiff is advised to read Rule 56 of the Federal
30 Rules of Civil Procedure and Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317 (1986)
31 (party opposing summary judgment must come forward with evidence
32 showing triable issues of material fact on every essential element of his claim).
33 Plaintiff is cautioned that failure to file an opposition to Defendants' motion
34 for summary judgment may be deemed to be a consent by Plaintiff to granting
35 the motion, and granting of judgment against Plaintiff without a trial. See

1 Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52, 53-54 (9th Cir.) (per curiam), cert. denied, 516
2 U.S. 838 (1995); Brydges v. Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 653 (9th Cir. 1994).

3 6. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than **fifteen (15) days** after
4 Plaintiff's opposition is filed.

5 7. The motion shall be deemed submitted as of the date the reply brief is
6 due. No hearing will be held on the motion unless the Court so orders at a
7 later date.

8 8. All communications by the Plaintiff with the Court must be served on
9 Defendants, or Defendants' counsel once counsel has been designated, by
10 mailing a true copy of the document to Defendants or Defendants' counsel.


11 9. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil
12 Procedure. No further court order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure
13 30(a)(2) or Local Rule 16-1 is required before the parties may conduct
14 discovery.

15 10. It is Plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep
16 the Court and all parties informed of any change of address by filing a separate
17 document titled "Notice of Change of Address" and must comply with the
18 Court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal
19 of this action under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

20 11. Extensions of time must be filed no later than the deadline sought to be
21 extended and must be accompanied by a showing of good cause.

22 SO ORDERED.

23 DATED: 10/10/08

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25 THELTON E. HENDERSON
26 United States District Judge
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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
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ANTHONY E. GREEN,
Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV08-02729 TEH
CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.

SALINAS VALLEY STATE PRISON et al,
Defendant.

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on October 10, 2008, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Delano, CA 93216

Dated: October 10, 2008

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: T. De Martini, Deputy Clerk

