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

ASHISH VARMAN PRASAD,
Petitioner,
v.
RICK HILL, Warden,
Respondent.

No. C 08-5620 MMC (PR)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL ON
APPEAL; DIRECTIONS TO CLERK**

(Docket No. 29)

On December 17, 2008, petitioner, a California prisoner proceeding pro se, filed the above-titled petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, challenging the validity of a judgment obtained against him in state court. On June 1, 2012, the Court denied the petition on the merits and denied a certificate of appealability. On June 25, 2012, petitioner filed a notice of appeal. That same date, petitioner also filed a motion for appointment of counsel on appeal. In its order denying the petition, the Court declined to issue a certificate of appealability and determined there were no valid grounds for an appeal.

Accordingly, the motion for appointment of counsel on appeal is hereby DENIED.

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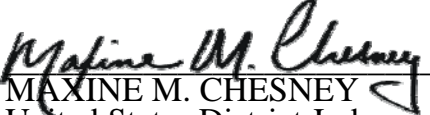
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The Clerk is hereby DIRECTED to send a copy of this order to petitioner and to the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals, wherein petitioner may renew his request. See Fed. R. App. P. 24(a).

This order terminates Docket No. 29.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 27, 2012


MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge