

United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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

BENJAMIN DAWSON,
Petitioner,

No. C 09-783 SI

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

v.

KELLY HARRINGTON,
Respondent.

Petitioner Benjamin Dawson has filed a petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. His petition is now before the Court for review pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2243 and Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases.

This Court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus “in behalf of a person in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is in custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States.” 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a). A district court considering an application for a writ of habeas corpus shall “award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Summary dismissal is appropriate only where the allegations in the petition are vague or conclusory, palpably incredible, or patently frivolous or false. *See Hendricks v. Vasquez*, 908 F.2d 490, 491 (9th Cir. 1990).

The Court finds that the claims raised in the petition are cognizable in a federal habeas action. The clerk shall serve by certified mail a copy of this order, the petition and all attachments thereto upon respondent and respondent’s attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on petitioner and petitioner’s counsel at the mailing address provided.

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Respondent must file and serve upon petitioner, on or before **May 29, 2009**, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be issued. Respondent must file with the answer a copy of all portions of the transcript that have been previously transcribed and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the petition. If petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he must do so by filing a traverse with the Court and serving it on respondent on or before **June 30, 2009**.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 3, 2009



SUSAN ILLSTON
United States District Judge