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United States District Court
For the Northern District of California

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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
SAN FRANCISCO DIVISION

GARY BERNARD MOORE,

No. C 09-1634 RS (PR)

Petitioner,

**SUPPLEMENTAL ORDER TO SHOW
CAUSE**

v.

ANTHONY HEDGPETH, Warden,

Respondent.

INTRODUCTION

Petitioner Gary Bernard Moore, a state prisoner at Kern Valley State Prison, filed this *pro se* action for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. His original petition contained claims relating to his sentence. The Court issued an order to show cause as to those claims, to which respondent has filed an answer and petitioner a traverse. Those claims are deemed submitted, and therefore will require no further briefing. Petitioner has filed a supplemental petition, which the Court construes as amending his original petition to add claims relating to the conviction itself. His supplemental 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.

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BACKGROUND

6 According to the petition, petitioner, in 2006, was found guilty of burglary, and was
7 sentenced to twenty-nine years in state prison. Petitioner sought, and was denied, relief on
8 direct and collateral state review. This federal petition followed.

DISCUSSION

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

18 As additional grounds for federal habeas relief, petitioner alleges that (1) the trial
19 court violated his right to due process by denying his motion for a new trial; (2) there was
20 prosecutorial misconduct; (3) the trial court violated his right to due process by not *sua*
21 *sponte* instructing the jury on a lesser-included offense; (4) the trial court denied his rights
22 under the Sixth Amendment by denying his motion to change counsel; (5) the trial court
23 violated his right to self-representation; (6) defense counsel rendered ineffective assistance
24 by failing to move to recuse the trial judge; (7) the information was defective; (8) he was
25 denied counsel at his preliminary hearing; (9) the prosecutor presented false evidence;
26 (10) he was denied his right to a speedy trial; (11) the trial court failed to obtain a jury poll as
27 to what degree of burglary petitioner was convicted of; (12) he received ineffective
28 assistance of appellate counsel; (13) the trial judge committed constitutional error when she
ordered that the recusal motion by petitioner be stricken; and (14) the trial court imposed an
upper term sentence in violation of petitioner’s right to a jury trial and due process. Liberally

1 construed, these claims appear to be cognizable in a federal habeas action.

2 MOTIONS

3 Petitioner's motion that the petition be considered in two parts (Docket No. 30) is
4 DENIED as unnecessary. Petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel (Docket No.
5 29) is also DENIED. There is no right to counsel in habeas corpus actions. *See Knaubert v.*
6 *Goldsmith*, 791 F.2d 722, 728 (9th Cir. 1986). However, 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B)
7 authorizes a district court to appoint counsel to represent a habeas petitioner whenever "the
8 court determines that the interests of justice so require" and such person is financially unable
9 to obtain representation. The decision to appoint counsel is within the discretion of the
10 district court, *see Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986), and should be
11 granted only when exceptional circumstances are present. *See generally* 1 J. Liebman & R.
12 Hertz, *Federal Habeas Corpus Practice and Procedure* § 12.3b at 383–86 (2d ed. 1994).
13 Petitioner has not shown that there are exceptional circumstances warranting appointment
14 of counsel.

15 CONCLUSION

16 1. The Clerk shall serve by certified mail a copy of this order, the petition and all
17 attachments thereto, on respondent and respondent's counsel, the Attorney General for the
18 State of California. The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on petitioner.

19 2. Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on petitioner, within **ninety (90)**
20 days of the date this order is filed, an answer conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the
21 Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not
22 be granted based on petitioner's cognizable claims. Respondent shall file with the answer
23 and serve on petitioner a copy of all portions of the state trial record that previously have
24 been transcribed and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the
25 petition.

26 3. If petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse
27 with the Court and serving it on respondent's counsel within **thirty (30)** days of the date the
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1 answer is filed.

2 4. In lieu of an answer, respondent may file, within **ninety (90)** days of the date this
3 order is filed, a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds, as set forth in the Advisory
4 Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If respondent files
5 such a motion, petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on respondent an opposition or
6 statement of non-opposition within **thirty (30)** days of the date the motion is filed, and
7 respondent shall file with the Court and serve on petitioner a reply within **fifteen (15)** days of
8 the date any opposition is filed.

9 5. Petitioner is reminded that all communications with the Court must be served on
10 respondent by mailing a true copy of the document to respondent's counsel.

11 6. It is Petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner must keep the
12 Court and respondent informed of any change of address and must comply with the Court's
13 orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for
14 failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

15 7. Upon a showing of good cause, requests for a reasonable extension of time will be
16 granted provided they are filed on or before the deadline they seek to extend.

17 8. Petitioner's motion that the petition be considered in two parts (Docket No. 30) is
18 DENIED as unnecessary. Petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel (Docket No.
19 29) is also DENIED. This order terminates Docket Nos. 29 & 30.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 DATED: November 3, 2010


22 RICHARD SEEBORG
23 United States District Judge
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