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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11 KEITH RICHARDSON,

No. C 10-05514 CRB

12 Plaintiff,

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

13 v.

14 JOHN MARSHALL, et al.

15 Defendants.
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17 Petitioner, who is in the custody of the California Department of Corrections, has filed
18 a petition for a writ of habeas corpus, seeking parole pursuant to 28 U.S.C. section 2254.
19 Petitioner was convicted in Contra Costa County of murder and Felony Child Abuse with an
20 enhancement for great bodily injury; he is currently incarcerated at the California Men's
21 Colony at San Luis Obispo.

22 This Court may entertain a petition for a writ of habeas corpus "in behalf of a person
23 in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is in custody
24 in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. § 2254(a);
25 Rose v. Hodges, 423 U.S. 19, 21 (1975).

26 A district court shall "award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to
27 show cause why the writ should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the
28 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

1 incredible, or patently frivolous or false. Hendricks v. Vasquez, 908 F.2d 490, 491 (9th Cir.
2 1990) (quoting Blackledge v. Allison, 431 U.S. 63, 75-76 (1977)).

3 The Court has reviewed the petition and finds good cause to proceed. Accordingly,

- 4 1. The Clerk of the Court shall serve by certified mail a copy of this Order
5 and the petition and all attachments thereto upon the respondents and the
6 respondents' counsel, the Attorney General of the State of California.
7 The Clerk shall also serve a copy of this Order on the petitioner's
8 counsel.
- 9 2. Respondents shall file with this Court and serve upon the petitioner,
10 within sixty (60) days of the issuance of this Order, an answer
11 conforming in all respects to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section
12 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus should not be
13 issued. Respondent shall file with the answer a copy of all portions of
14 the state trial and appellate record that have been transcribed previously
15 and that are relevant to a determination of the issues presented by the
16 petition.
- 17 3. If the petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing
18 a traverse with the court and serving it upon the respondents within
19 thirty (30) days of his receipt of the answer.
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21 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

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24 Dated: December 14, 2010



CHARLES R. BREYER
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE