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

DEMIAN E. JOHNSON, C-68641,)	
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Petitioner,)	No. C 11-1976 CRB (PR)
)	
vs.)	ORDER DISMISSING
)	PETITION FOR A WRIT OF
A. HEDGPETH, Warden,)	HABEAS CORPUS
)	
Respondent(s).)	(Docket # 5)
)	

Petitioner seeks a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 challenging the California Board of Parole Hearings' (BPH) February 10, 2009 decision to deny him parole. In a nutshell, petitioner claims that the BPH's decision does not comport with due process because it is not supported by some evidence demonstrating that he poses a current unreasonable threat to the public.

Petitioner also seeks to proceed in forma pauperis (docket # 5), which based solely on his affidavit of poverty, is granted.

In the context of parole, a prisoner subject to a parole statute similar to California's receives adequate process when he is allowed an opportunity to be heard and is provided with a statement of the reasons why parole was denied. Swarthout v. Cooke, 131 S. Ct. 859, 862 (2011). The petition and attachment thereto show petitioner received at least this amount of process. The Constitution does not require more. Id.

1 Whether the BHP's decision was supported by some evidence of current
2 dangerousness is irrelevant in federal habeas. The Supreme Court has made clear
3 that "it is no federal concern . . . whether California's 'some evidence' rule of
4 judicial review (a procedure beyond what the Constitution demands) was
5 correctly applied." Id. at 863.

6 For the foregoing reasons, the petition for a writ of habeas corpus is
7 DISMISSED. And pursuant to Rule 11 of the Rules Governing Section 2254
8 Cases, a certificate of appealability (COA) under 28 U.S.C. § 2253(c) is DENIED
9 because it cannot be said that "reasonable jurists would find the district court's
10 assessment of the constitutional claims debatable or wrong." Slack v. McDaniel,
11 529 U.S. 473, 484 (2000).

12 The clerk shall enter judgment in accordance with this order and close the
13 file.

14 SO ORDERED.

15 DATED: May 6, 2011



16 CHARLES R. BREYER
17 United States District Judge
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