

1
2
3
4
5
6
7
8
9
10
11
12
13
14
15
16
17
18
19
20
21
22
23
24
25
26
27
28

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

RUBEN JACOB MATUK,

No. C 13-0204 WHA (PR)

Petitioner,

ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

v.

MARTIN HOSHINO,

Respondent.

_____ /

INTRODUCTION

Petitioner, a California prisoner incarcerated at Pelican Bay State Prison, filed this pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. 2254 challenging his conviction and sentence. He has paid the filing fee. For the reasons discussed below, respondent is ordered to show cause why the petition should not be granted.

STATEMENT

Petitioner was convicted in San Benito County Superior Court on a number of counts of sex offenses involving minors. He received a sentence of 11 years and 8 months in state prison. The California Court of Appeal and the California Supreme Court denied his appeals.

ANALYSIS

A. STANDARD OF REVIEW

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

1 violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States." 28 U.S.C. 2254(a); *Rose*
2 *v. Hodges*, 423 U.S. 19, 21 (1975). Habeas corpus petitions must meet heightened pleading
3 requirements. *McFarland v. Scott*, 512 U.S. 849, 856 (1994). An application for a federal writ
4 of habeas corpus filed by a prisoner who is in state custody pursuant to a judgment of a state
5 court must "specify all the grounds for relief which are available to the petitioner ... and shall
6 set forth in summary form the facts supporting each of the grounds thus specified." Rule 2(c) of
7 the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, 28 U.S.C. foll. 2254. "[N]otice' pleading is not
8 sufficient, for the petition is expected to state facts that point to a 'real possibility of
9 constitutional error.'" Rule 4 Advisory Committee Notes (quoting *Aubut v. Maine*, 431 F.2d
10 688, 689 (1st Cir. 1970)).

11 **B. LEGAL CLAIMS**

12 Petitioner claims that there was insufficient evidence to support the trial court's finding,
13 for purposes of sentencing, that the offenses involved violence. When liberally construed, this
14 claim is sufficient to warrant an answer from Respondent.

15 **CONCLUSION**

16 1. The clerk shall mail a copy of this order and the petition with all attachments to the
17 respondent and the respondent's attorney, the Attorney General of the State of California. The
18 clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on the petitioner.

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

25 If petitioner wishes to respond to the answer, he shall do so by filing a traverse with the
26 court and serving it on respondent within thirty days of the date the answer is filed.

27 3. Respondent may file, within ninety days, a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds
28 in lieu of an answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules

1 Governing Section 2254 Cases. If respondent files such a motion, petitioner shall file with the
2 court and serve on respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition within thirty days
3 of the date the motion is filed, and respondent shall file with the court and serve on petitioner a
4 reply within fifteen days of the date any opposition is filed.

5 4. Petitioner is reminded that all communications with the court must be served on
6 respondent by mailing a true copy of the document to respondent's counsel. Petitioner must
7 keep the court informed of any change of address and must comply with the court's orders in a
8 timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute
9 pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b). *See Martinez v. Johnson*, 104 F.3d 769, 772
10 (5th Cir. 1997) (Rule 41(b) applicable in habeas cases).

11 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

12
13 Dated: February 28, 2013.

14 
15 _____
16 WILLIAM ALSUP
17 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
18
19
20
21
22
23
24