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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RONALD VERNON CUPP,

No. C 14-1283 MMC

Plaintiff,

ORDER DENYING REQUEST TO STAY; DISMISSING ACTION

MARK AZZOUNI; CITY OF SANTA ROSA; SARA DELANEY; SCOTT BACHMAN; SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA;

SUPERIOR COURT FOR THE STATE OF CALIFORNIA, COUNTY OF SONOMA CASE NO: SCR628864,

Defendants.

By order filed May 12, 2014, the Court dismissed all claims alleged in the abovetitled action, and, to the extent such claims sought declaratory and injunctive relief, afforded plaintiff leave to file, no later than May 28, 2014, an amended complaint alleging, if plaintiff could do so, an exception to the rule set forth in Younger v. Harris, 401 U.S. 37 (1971). (See Order Granting Defendants' Motions to Dismiss, filed May 12, 2014, at 5:24-6:15); Younger, 401 U.S. at 49 (holding federal courts may not intervene in pending state criminal prosecution absent showing prosecution was "brought in bad faith or is only one in a series of prosecutions to which [plaintiff] will be subjected"). Thereafter, by order filed May 30, 2014, the Court granted plaintiff's request to extend the deadline to June 27, 2014. Now before the Court is plaintiff's Request for Stay of Proceedings, filed June 10, 2014, which filing the Court construes as a request for a further extension of the deadline to file an

amended complaint. As set forth below, the request will be denied.

By the instant complaint, plaintiff asserts seven causes of action under 42 U.S.C. §§ 1983, 1985, 1986, and 1988, each alleging that on January 23, 2013, plaintiff was arrested "without probable cause [and] without committing a crime." (Compl. ¶¶ 16, 33.) In support of the instant request, plaintiff states the prosecution arising from the arrest on which his claims are based has resulted in a conviction and that he has been remanded into custody. Where, as here, a plaintiff brings a civil action alleging an unlawful arrest and such plaintiff is ultimately convicted of the crimes for which he was arrested, the civil action must be dismissed. See Wallace v. Kato, 549 U.S. 384, 394 (2007) (requiring dismissal of § 1983 action where civil suit "would impugn" conviction).

Accordingly, plaintiff's request is hereby DENIED, and the instant action is hereby DISMISSED without prejudice to plaintiff's filing a new action should he be able to demonstrate that his conviction has been overturned or otherwise invalidated. See Heck v. Humphrey, 512 U.S. 477, 481, 487 (1994) (holding suit alleging wrongful arrest subject to dismissal unless plaintiff can "prove that the conviction or sentence has been reversed on direct appeal, expunged by executive order, declared invalid by a state tribunal authorized to make such a determination, or called into question by a federal court's issuance of a writ of habeas corpus").

The Clerk shall close the file.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 18, 2014

MAXINE M. CHESNEY
United States District Judge