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United States District Court
Northern District of California

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DAVID CHARLES MOON,
Petitioner,
v.
DAVID LONG,
Respondent.

Case No. [16-cv-00679-JCS](#) (PR)

**ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE;
INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK**

INTRODUCTION

Petitioner seeks federal habeas relief under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 from his state convictions.¹ The petition for such relief is here for review under 28 U.S.C. § 2243 and Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases.

Respondent shall file a response to the petition on or before June 30, 2016.

The petition appears to be untimely. Petitioner was sentenced in 2008 but the instant petition was not filed until 2016. Respondent is directed to consider first whether a motion to dismiss on grounds of untimeliness is the most appropriate first response to the petition. If he so concludes, he may file a motion to dismiss, though he is not required to do so.

BACKGROUND

According to the petition, in 2008, in the Marin County Superior Court, petitioner pleaded guilty to charges of kidnapping, robbery, assault with a deadly weapon, assault

¹ Petitioner consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction. (Docket No. 4.) The magistrate judge, then, has jurisdiction to issue this order, even though respondents have not been served or consented to magistrate judge jurisdiction. See *Neals v. Norwood*, 59 F.3d 530, 532 (5th Cir. 1995).

1 with a deadly weapon on a peace officer, impersonating a public officer, making threats,
2 and various enhancements. He was sentenced to 14 years and 8 months in state prison.

3 **DISCUSSION**

4 This Court may entertain a petition for writ of habeas corpus “in behalf of a person
5 in custody pursuant to the judgment of a State court only on the ground that he is in
6 custody in violation of the Constitution or laws or treaties of the United States.” 28 U.S.C.
7 § 2254(a). A district court considering an application for a writ of habeas corpus shall
8 “award the writ or issue an order directing the respondent to show cause why the writ
9 should not be granted, unless it appears from the application that the applicant or person
10 detained is not entitled thereto.” 28 U.S.C. § 2243. Summary dismissal is appropriate
11 only where the allegations in the petition are vague or conclusory, palpably incredible, or
12 patently frivolous or false. See *Hendricks v. Vasquez*, 908 F.2d 490, 491 (9th Cir. 1990).

13 As grounds for federal habeas relief, petitioner claims that (1) his sentence is invalid
14 under the Fifth, Eighth and Fourteenth Amendments; and (2) defense counsel rendered
15 ineffective assistance. When liberally construed, these claims are cognizable in a federal
16 habeas corpus action.

17 **CONCLUSION**

18 1. The Clerk shall serve a copy of this order, the petition and all attachments
19 thereto, and a Magistrate Judge jurisdiction consent or declination to consent form on
20 respondent and respondent’s counsel, the Attorney General for the State of California. The
21 Clerk shall also serve a copy of this order on petitioner.

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

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

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

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

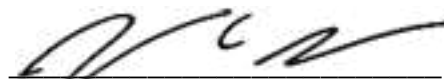
13 6. It is petitioner's responsibility to prosecute this case. Petitioner must keep the
14 Court and respondent informed of any change of address and must comply with the
15 Court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this
16 action for failure to prosecute pursuant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

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

19 8. The Court notes that the filing fee has been paid.

20 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

21 Dated: March 23, 2016

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24 JOSEPH C. SPERO
25 Chief Magistrate Judge

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CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on March 23, 2016, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: March 23, 2016

Susan Y. Soong
Clerk, United States District Court

By: Karen L. Hom
Karen Hom, Deputy Clerk to the
Honorable JOSEPH C. SPERO