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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH J. FLOWERS,

No. C 08-4179 CW (PR)

Plaintiff,

ORDER DENYING PLAINTIFF'S
MOTIONS TO COMPEL, FOR
EXTENSION OF TIME TO OPPOSE
MOTION FOR SUMMARY JUDGMENT AND
FOR APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL

v.

ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF GREGORY
AHERN, et al.,

Defendants.

Plaintiff Joseph J. Flowers, a state prisoner, filed this pro se civil rights action concerning events that took place when he was a pretrial detainee at the Alameda County jail. By Order dated November 24, 2010, the Court ordered Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint (TAC) served on nine Defendants.

Defendants filed a motion for summary judgment on May 13, 2011. Thereafter, Plaintiff filed motions for Court-ordered telephone access and to propound additional interrogatories.

By Order dated June 23, 2011, the Court denied Plaintiff's motions and set discovery and briefing schedules. Specifically, in the Conclusion of the Order the Court ordered as follows:

3. The parties shall abide by the following discovery schedule:

a. No later than **July 5, 2011**, the parties shall complete all discovery and shall meet and confer regarding all outstanding discovery matters that the parties have been unable to resolve.

b. If Plaintiff intends to file a motion to compel discovery with respect to any unresolved discovery matters, he shall do so, and serve a copy on Defendants, no later than **July 15, 2011**.

c. Defendants shall file a response to

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Plaintiff's motion no later than July 25, 2011.

d. The motion shall be deemed submitted on the date the response is filed.

4. The parties shall abide by the following briefing schedule:

a. Plaintiff shall file with the Court and serve on Defendants his opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment no later than August 15, 2011.¹

b. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than September 1, 2011.

c. The motion for summary judgment shall be deemed submitted on the date the reply is filed.

5. No extensions of time with respect to the above deadlines will be granted absent compelling circumstances.

Order at 4:3-5:2 (footnote in original).

On June 24, 2011, the day after the Court issued the above Order, Plaintiff sent to the Court a motion to compel discovery and a motion for extension of time to oppose Defendants' motion. It is clear from the text of Plaintiff's motions that such motions were prepared prior to Plaintiff's receipt of the Court's June 23, 2011 Order. As said Order sets schedules for discovery and the briefing of Defendants' motion for summary judgment, Plaintiff's motions are DENIED as moot.

On July 12, 2011, Plaintiff filed a motion for the appointment of counsel to assist him with the preparation of his opposition to Defendants' motion for summary judgment.

¹Because of the large number of claims in the instant action, Plaintiff is advised that in order to meet the Court's deadline he should, to the extent possible, begin preparing his opposition even before all discovery matters have been resolved.

1 Plaintiff's request is premised on his assertions that he has
2 discovered new information that makes it likely he will prevail on
3 his claims and that Defendants are misrepresenting the facts. In
4 support of his request, Plaintiff has attached more than 80 pages
5 of Defendants' responses to Plaintiff's discovery requests.

6 The court may ask counsel to represent an indigent litigant
7 under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 only in "exceptional circumstances," the
8 determination of which requires an evaluation of both (1) the
9 likelihood of success on the merits, and (2) the ability of the
10 plaintiff to articulate his claims pro se in light of the
11 complexity of the legal issues involved. Rand v. Rowland, 113
12 F.3d 1520, 1525 (9th Cir. 1997). Both of these factors must be
13 viewed together before reaching a decision on a request for
14 counsel under § 1915. Id.

15 The Court finds the appointment of counsel is not warranted.
16 Specifically, Plaintiff has not shown the requisite likelihood of
17 success on the merits of his claims, he has adequately articulated
18 his claims in light of the complexity of the legal issues
19 involved, he has pursued discovery in a comprehensive and focused
20 manner, and the motions and other papers he has filed in this
21 matter have been generally articulate and organized. See id.
22 Accordingly, Plaintiff's motion is DENIED.

23 This Order terminates Docket nos. 77, 78 and 79.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: 7/20/2011

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27 CLAUDIA WILKEN
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

4 JOSEPH J. FLOWERS,
5 Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV08-04179 CW

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

6 v.

7 ALAMEDA COUNTY SHERIFF et al,
8 Defendant.

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

11 That on July 20, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said
12 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing
13 said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery
14 receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

15 Joseph J. Flowers F82065
16 DVI Prison
17 P.O. Box 600
18 Tracy, CA 95378

19 Dated: July 20, 2011

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: Nikki Riley, Deputy Clerk