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OAKLAND DIVISION

MICHAEL IZELL SEALS,

Petitioner,

No. C 10-3707 PJH (PR)

WARDEN FRANCISCO JAQUEZ and ATTORNEY GENERAL BILL

LOCKYER,

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ORDER DISMISSING AMENDED PETITION WITH LEAVE TO AMEND

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12 Respondents.

> Petitioner, a California state inmate, has filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The original petition in this case was dismissed with leave to amend. Petitioner has filed an amended petition.

Petitioner conceded in the original petition that although he appealed his conviction, the issues he presented here were not those that were raised on direct appeal. He also stated that he filed a state habeas petition, which it appeared may have contained the issues presented here, but only in the California Superior Court for Lake County, not in the California Court of Appeal or the California Supreme Court. He stated he had no other actions pending that go to the conviction attacked here.

In the amended petition, petitioner states he attached several exhibits from various state habeas petitions that demonstrate exhaustion. However, the only relevant exhibit that was sent to the court was a denial from the California Supreme Court denying a habeas petition. However, the petition to the California Supreme Court was not attached nor does petitioner state what claims were presented to the California Supreme Court. Based on the original petition it appears, though the court cannot be certain, that only petitioner's

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ineffective assistance of counsel claim may have been exhausted. The court also notes that the amended petition does not present petitioner's claims, but merely discusses exhaustion. The amended petition is dismissed with leave to file a second amended petition within twenty-eight days. If petitioner files a second amended petition, he must set forth his claims and demonstrate that they have been exhausted. Petitioner should only present claims that have been properly exhausted. Simply stating that the claims have been exhausted, without identifying which claims, is insufficient.

An application for a federal writ of habeas corpus filed by a prisoner who is in state custody pursuant to a judgment of a state court may not be granted unless the prisoner has first exhausted state judicial remedies, either by way of a direct appeal or in collateral proceedings, by presenting the highest state court available with a fair opportunity to rule on the merits of each and every issue he or she seeks to raise in federal court. See 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b),(c); Granberry v. Greer, 481 U.S. 129, 133-34 (1987). Petitioner has the burden of pleading exhaustion in his habeas petition. See Cartwright v. Cupp, 650 F.2d 1103, 1104 (9th Cir. 1981).

A petitioner fully and fairly presents a claim to the state courts if he presents the claim (1) to the correct forum, see § 2254(c); (2) in the proper manner, see Castille v. Peoples, 489 U.S. 346, 351 (1989); and (3) includes the factual and legal basis for the claim, see Weaver v. Thompson, 197 F.3d 359, 364 (9th Cir.1999). Full and fair presentation requires a reference to a federal constitutional guarantee and a statement of facts that entitle the petitioner to relief. See Picard v. Connor, 404 U.S. 270, 278 (1971).

If petitioner brings another petition with exhausted and unexhausted claims, he would be bringing a mixed petition. Mixed petitions are subject to dismissal, although petitioner would be offered the opportunity to delete unexhausted issues or ask for a stay to allow him to exhaust them. See Rose v. Lundy, 455 U.S. 509, 522 (1982); Guizar v. Estelle, 843 F.2d 371, 372 (9th Cir. 1988).

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For the Northern District of California

CONCLUSION

The amended petition is **DISMISSED** with leave to amend within twenty-eight days of the date this order is entered. Petitioner must set forth his claims and plead exhaustion of those claims. The amendment must include the caption and civil case number used in this order and the words SECOND AMENDED PETITION on the first page. If petitioner does not amend, the case will be dismissed.¹

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 15, 2012.

PHYLLIS J. HAMILTON United States District Judge

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Such a dismissal would not in itself bar petitioner from filing a new case. See Slack v. McDaniel, 529 U.S. 473, 485-86 (2000) (limits on second or successive petitions do not apply when earlier petition was dismissed for failure to exhaust). A new case might, however, be barred for some other reason, such as failure to comply with the statute of limitations. Under the Antiterrorism and Effective Death Penalty Act, petitions filed by prisoners challenging non-capital state convictions or sentences must be filed within one year of the latest of the date on which: (1) the judgment became final after the conclusion of direct review or expiration of the time for seeking direct review; (2) an impediment to filing an application created by unconstitutional state action was removed, if such action prevented petitioner from filing; (3) the constitutional right asserted was recognized by the United States Supreme Court, if the right was newly recognized and made retroactive to cases on collateral review; or (4) the factual predicate of the claim could have been discovered through the exercise of due diligence. 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d)(1). Time during which a properly filed application for collateral review (such as a state habeas petition) is pending is excluded from the one-year time limit. Id. § 2244(d)(2). However, the time a federal petition, such as this one, is pending is not excluded from the calculation.