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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN M. SCHOPPE-RICO,

Plaintiff,

VS. GOVERNOR SCHWARZENEGGER, et al., Defendants.

No. C 11-02809 YGR (PR)

ORDER FINDING PLAINTIFF'S ATTEMPTS TO LOCATE DEFENDANT E. C. MCKELLEP'S CURRENT ADDRESS AS INSUFFICIENT AND **GRANTING PLAINTIFF AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO PROVIDE** THAT ADDRESS

Plaintiff, a state prisoner, filed the present pro se prisoner complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against multiple defendants. Service has been ineffective as to Defendant E. C. McKellep.

In an Order dated January 26, 2012, the Court notified Plaintiff that the United States Marshal had been unable to effectuate service upon Defendant McKellep. The Court ordered Plaintiff to provide the Court with a current address for Defendant McKellep. The Court also informed Plaintiff that the failure to provide Defendant McKellep's current address could result in the dismissal of all claims against this Defendant.

Plaintiff has been unable to locate a current address for Defendant McKellep. Before the 18 Court are two motions filed by Plaintiff, entitled: (1) "Motion [and] Response Regarding U.S. 19 Marshall[']s Inability To Serve Defendant E.C. McKellep" (docket no. 38); and (2) "Motion For 20 Extension of Time To Assist In Service of Defendant E. C. McKellep" (docket no. 37). Plaintiff 21 claims that Defendant McKellep's address "can be obtained from the California Department of 22 Corrections, Hiren Correction Officer Records Agency at 1515 S. Street, P.O. Box 942883, 23 Sacramento, CA 942883-0001." (Docket no. 38.) He asks that the Court either (1) consider the 24 attempts he has made thus far to locate Defendant McKellep's address as sufficient to meet his 25 responsibilities under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 4(m), or (2) grant him a further extension of 26 time in which to locate the address himself. 27

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Pursuant to Rule 4(m), if a complaint is not served within 120 days from the filing of the 1 2 complaint, it may be dismissed without prejudice for failure of service. When advised of a problem 3 accomplishing service, a pro se litigant proceeding in forma pauperis must "attempt to remedy any apparent defects of which [he] has knowledge." Rochon v. Dawson, 828 F.2d 1107, 1110 (5th Cir. 4 5 1987). As mentioned above, to date, Plaintiff has not provided the Court with Defendant McKellep's current address. Instead, Plaintiff claims that he knows where to obtain Defendant McKellep's 6 7 current address; however, he has not shown that he has been successful in obtaining that Defendant's 8 address using that lead. The Court finds that Plaintiff's submissions are insufficient to meet his 9 responsibilities under Rule 4(m); therefore, his "Motion [and] Response Regarding U.S. Marshall[']s Inability To Serve Defendant E. C. McKellep" (docket no. 38) is DENIED. 10 11 Plaintiff, has, however, shown good cause for a further extension of time in which to provide Defendant McKellep's current address. Accordingly, Plaintiff's Motion For Extension of Time To 12 Assist In Service of Defendant E. C. McKellep" (docket no. 37) is GRANTED. The time in which 13 Plaintiff may provide the Court with the required information necessary to locate Defendant 14 15 McKellep will be extended up to and including April 9, 2012. Failure to do so by the new deadline 16 shall result in the dismissal of all claims against this Defendant. 17 This Order terminates Docket nos. 37 and 38. 18 IT IS SO ORDERED. .al Mice 19 DATED: March 20, 2012 20 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE 21 22 23 24 25 26

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