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4 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
5 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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7 ARMANDO ANTONIO MARROQUIN,

No. C 11-4535 SBA (PR)

8 Plaintiff,

**AMENDED ORDER GRANTING  
IN FORMA PAUPERIS STATUS AND  
DENYING MOTION FOR  
APPOINTMENT OF COUNSEL**

9 v.

10 MATTHEW CATE, Warden,

11 Defendant.  
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13 Plaintiff's application for in forma pauperis status is GRANTED. The total filing fee due is  
14 \$350.00. The initial partial filing fee due for Plaintiff at this time is **\$3.00**. A copy of this Order and  
15 the attached instruction sheet will be sent to Plaintiff, the Prison Trust Account Office and the  
16 Court's Financial Office.


17 Plaintiff also requests the appointment of counsel to represent him in this action. There is no  
18 constitutional right to counsel in a civil case unless an indigent litigant may lose his physical liberty  
19 if he loses the litigation. See Lassiter v. Dep't of Soc. Servs., 452 U.S. 18, 25 (1981); Rand v.  
20 Rowland, 113 F.3d 1520, 1525 (9th Cir. 1997) (no constitutional right to counsel in § 1983 action),  
21 withdrawn in part on other grounds on reh'g en banc, 154 F.3d 952 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc). The  
22 court may ask counsel to represent an indigent litigant under 28 U.S.C. § 1915 only in "exceptional  
23 circumstances," the determination of which requires an evaluation of both (1) the likelihood of  
24 success on the merits, and (2) the ability of the plaintiff to articulate his claims pro se in light of the  
25 complexity of the legal issues involved. See id. at 1525; Terrell v. Brewer, 935 F.2d 1015, 1017  
26 (9th Cir. 1991); Wilborn v. Escalderon, 789 F.2d 1328, 1331 (9th Cir. 1986). Both of these factors  
27 must be viewed together before reaching a decision on a request for counsel under § 1915. See id.  
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1 The Court is unable to assess at this time whether exceptional circumstances exist which  
2 would warrant seeking volunteer counsel to accept a pro bono appointment. The proceedings are at  
3 an early stage and it is premature for the Court to determine Plaintiff's likelihood of success on the  
4 merits. Moreover, Plaintiff has been able to articulate his claims adequately pro se in light of the  
5 complexity of the issues involved. See Agyeman v. Corrs. Corp. of Am., 390 F.3d 1101, 1103 (9th  
6 Cir. 2004). Accordingly, the request for appointment of counsel at this time is DENIED without  
7 prejudice. The Court will review Plaintiff's complaint in a separate written Order.

8 This Order terminates Docket nos. 2 and 4.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 DATED: 10/28/11

  
SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
United States District Judge

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR PAYMENT OF PRISONER'S FILING FEE

The initial partial filing fee listed on the attached order should be deducted by the prison trust account office from the prisoner's trust account and forwarded to the clerk of the court as the first installment payment on the filing fee. This amount is twenty percent of the greater of (a) the average monthly deposits to the prisoner's account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint/petition or (b) the average monthly balance in the prisoner's account for the 6-month period immediately preceding the filing of the complaint/petition.

If the prisoner does not have sufficient funds in his/her account to pay the initial partial filing fee, the prison trust account office should forward the available funds, and carry the balance forward each month until the amount is fully paid.

**The prisoner's name and case number must be noted on each remittance.** The initial partial filing fee is due within thirty days of the date of the attached order. Checks should be made payable to Clerk, U.S. District Court and sent to Prisoner Accounts Receivable, U.S. District Court, 450 Golden Gate Avenue, Box 36060, San Francisco, CA 94102.

cc: Plaintiff/Petitioner  
Finance Office

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

12 That on October 31, 2011, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said  
13 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said  
14 envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle  
15 located in the Clerk's office.

16 Armando Antonio Marroquin T-86698  
17 L.P.C.C - C.C.A.  
18 5501 N. La Palma Road  
19 Eloy, AZ 85131

20 Dated: October 31, 2011

21 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
22 By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk  
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