IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 1 2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 3 4 IN RE STEVEN BONILLA, Nos. C 5

STEVEN BONILLA, Plaintiff. Nos. C 11-5162 CW (PR) C 11-5163 CW (PR) C 11-5164 CW (PR) C 11-5165 CW (PR) ORDER OF DISMISSAL; GRANTING LEAVE TO PROCEED <u>IN FORMA</u> PAUPERIS Between June 1 and October 1, 2011, Plaintiff, a state

10 prisoner incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison, filed in this 11 Court thirty pro se civil rights actions under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. 12 The Court dismissed all of those actions because none of the 13 allegations in Plaintiff's complaints stated a claim for relief 14 under § 1983. Moreover, in the most recent Order of Dismissal 15 filed on October 25, 2011, the Court expressly informed Plaintiff 16 that nine of his actions were being dismissed without leave to 17 amend for failure to state a claim upon which relief may be granted 18 and, as a result, Plaintiff will not be permitted to proceed in 19 forma pauperis in any future civil action he files in this Court, 20 as set forth in 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g). See In re Steven Bonilla, 21 Nos. C 11-3180, et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal at 6:23-7:19. 22 On October 21, 2011, four days prior to the Court's entry of 23 the above Order of Dismissal, Plaintiff filed the present four 24 civil rights actions under § 1983. Thus, because the Court's 25 ruling that Plaintiff will be subject to the provisions of 26 § 1915(g) was not yet final when Plaintiff filed the present

actions, § 1915(g) does not apply herein. <u>See</u> <u>Silva v. Di</u>

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27 28 Vittorio, No. 08-15620, slip op. 18329, 18343 (9th Cir. Sept. 26, 2011) (holding district court's dismissal of case does not count as strike under §1915(g) until dismissal becomes final by virtue of prisoner's waiver or exhaustion of opportunity to appeal).

5 Nevertheless, these actions are subject to dismissal. A court may dismiss a complaint or individual claims when the complaint or 6 7 claims are duplicative of claims brought in another case. See Cato 8 v. United States, 70 F.3d 1103, 1105 n.2 (9th Cir. 1995) (holding 9 in forma pauperis complaint that merely repeats pending or previously litigated claims may be considered abusive and 10 11 dismissed); 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(b)(1) (allowing district courts to 12 dismiss <u>sua sponte</u> prisoner actions that are frivolous). Here, each of Plaintiff's actions raises claims that have been dismissed 13 by this Court previously on the ground that they fail to state a 14 15 claim for relief under § 1983.

16 Specifically, three of Plaintiff's present actions seek monetary damages and/or injunctive relief from individuals or 17 18 entities that allegedly presented perjured testimony, provided 19 false evidence or otherwise conspired with the prosecution to 20 obtain Plaintiff's conviction. See Bonilla v. People of the State 21 of California, No. C 11-5162 CW (PR), Bonilla v. Baptist, et al., No. C 11-5163 CW (PR), and Bonilla v. Nickerson, No. C 11-5164 CW 22 23 (PR). Plaintiff's fourth action seeks to compel the Supreme Court 24 of California to rule on Plaintiff's pending state habeas petition. 25 See Bonilla v. California Supreme Court, No. C 11-5165 CW (PR). 26 All of these claims previously have been reviewed and dismissed by 27 this Court either because they seek relief that can be pursued only 28 in a habeas corpus action or because they fail to state a claim

upon which relief may be granted. See In re Steven Bonilla, Nos. C 1 2 11-2612 et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal filed and judgment 3 entered June 13, 2011; In re Steven Bonilla, Nos. C 11-2808 et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal filed and judgment entered June 16, 4 5 2011; In re Steven Bonilla, Nos. C 11-3052 et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal filed and judgment entered June 20, 2011; In re Steven 6 7 Bonilla, Nos. C 11-3180, et seq. CW (PR), Order of Dismissal filed 8 and judgment entered Oct. 25, 2011.

9 Accordingly, the present four actions are DISMISSED with
10 prejudice because they merely repeat previously dismissed claims.
11 See Cato, 70 F.3d at 1105 n.2. Additionally, in view of
12 Plaintiff's lack of funds, his applications to proceed <u>in forma</u>
13 pauperis are GRANTED.

The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment in each of these civil rights actions, terminate all pending motions therein, and close the files. <u>The Clerk of the Court also shall file a copy of</u> this Order in C 08-0471.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: 11/22/2011

CLAUDIA WILKEN UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

For the Northern District of California **United States District Court** 

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1	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2	FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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5	Plaintiff, v. V. CV11-05163 CW CV11-05164 CW CV11-05165 CW
6	PEOPLE OF STATE OF CA et al, CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE
7	Defendant.
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9 10	I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.
11	That on November 22, 2011, 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
12	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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15 16	Steven Wayne Bonilla J-48500 San Quentin State Prison San Quentin, CA 94964
17	Dated: November 22, 2011 Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
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