

Petitioner, a state prisoner, has filed this Petition for a Writ of Habeas Corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. He has paid the \$5.00 filing fee. It does not appear from the face of the Petition that it is without merit. Good cause appearing, the Court hereby issues the following orders:

18 1. The Clerk of the Court shall serve a copy of the Petition and all attachments thereto 19 (Dkt. No. 1) and a copy of this Order upon Respondent and Respondent's attorney, the Attorney 20 General of the State of California.

21 2. Respondent shall file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner's attorney, within 22 one-hundred nineteen (119) days of the issuance of this Order, an Answer conforming in all respects 23 to Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases, showing cause why a writ of habeas corpus 24 should not be issued. Respondent shall file with the Answer a copy of all portions of the relevant 25 state records that have been transcribed previously and that are relevant to a determination of the 26 issues presented by the Petition.

27 3. If Petitioner wishes to reply to the Answer, he shall do so by filing a Traverse with the Court and serving it on Respondent within sixty-three (63) days of his receipt of the Answer. Should 28

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Petitioner fail to do so, the Petition will be deemed submitted and ready for decision sixty-three (63) days after the date Petitioner is served with Respondent's Answer.

4. Respondent may file with this Court and serve upon Petitioner, within one-hundred twenty (120) days of the issuance of this Order, a motion to dismiss on procedural grounds in lieu of an Answer, as set forth in the Advisory Committee Notes to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases. If Respondent files such a motion, Petitioner shall file with the Court and serve on Respondent an opposition or statement of non-opposition to the motion within sixty-three (63) days of receipt of the motion, and Respondent shall file with the Court and serve on Petitioner a reply within fourteen (14) days of receipt of any opposition.

5. Extensions of time are not favored, though reasonable extensions will be granted. Any motion for an extension of time must be filed no later than fourteen (14) days prior to the deadline sought to be extended. 

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: September 27, 2012

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE

Northern District of California