

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
2 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
3 OAKLAND DIVISION
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5 MARK BRANON,

6 Petitioner,

7 vs.

8 UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

9 Defendant.
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Case No: C 13-1350 SBA

**ORDER GRANTING
PETITIONER'S REQUEST TO
PROCEED PRO SE AND DENYING
COUNSEL'S REQUEST FOR
SUBSTITUTION**

11 Petitioner Mark Branon, a federal prisoner, filed a pro se petition for writ of habeas
12 corpus (which is liberally construed as a motion under 28 U.S.C. § 2255) to challenge his
13 federal conviction suffered in the District of Arizona. The Government has filed a response
14 and Petitioner has filed a pro se traverse.

15 Presently before the Court is a "Notice of Appearance of Private Counsel Request
16 for Approval of U.S. District Court," in which attorney Roger Hanson seeks leave to
17 substitute in as counsel for Petitioner. Dkt. 14. Subsequently, Petitioner filed a request that
18 he be allowed to proceed pro se because neither he nor his family have been able to contact
19 Mr. Hanson. Dkt. 21. Although Petitioner's request was docketed in ECF and served on
20 Mr. Branon, he has not responded to Petitioner's request and deadline to do so has since
21 passed. Accordingly,

22 IT IS HEREBY ORDERED THAT Mr. Hanson's request to substitute in as counsel
23 of record is DENIED, and Petitioner's request to proceed pro se is GRANTED. This Order
24 terminates Docket 14 and 21. The Clerk shall indicated that Mr. Hanson is terminated as
25 counsel for Petitioner.

26 IT IS SO ORDERED.

27 Dated: August 19, 2014

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SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG
United States District Judge