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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD J. CRANE,  
Plaintiff,

vs.

S. HATTON, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. C 11-03900 EJD (PR)

ORDER OF SERVICE; DIRECTING  
DEFENDANTS TO FILE  
DISPOSITIVE MOTION OR NOTICE  
REGARDING SUCH MOTION;  
INSTRUCTIONS TO CLERK

Plaintiff, a California inmate currently confined at the High Desert State Prison, filed the instant civil rights action in pro se pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 against Salinas Valley State Prison (“SVSP”) officials for unconstitutional acts. Plaintiff has paid the filing fee.

**DISCUSSION**

**A. Standard of Review**

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is

1 immune from such relief. See id. § 1915A(b)(1),(2). Pro se pleadings must, however, be  
2 liberally construed. See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep’t, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir.  
3 1988).

4 To state a claim under 42 U.S.C. § 1983, a plaintiff must allege two essential  
5 elements: (1) that a right secured by the Constitution or laws of the United States was  
6 violated, and (2) that the alleged violation was committed by a person acting under the  
7 color of state law. See West v. Atkins, 487 U.S. 42, 48 (1988).

#### 8 **B. Plaintiff’s Claims**

9 Plaintiff claims that while he was incarcerated at SVSP, he was denied his “due  
10 process right to the favorable granted administrative appeal number 05-04255 by the false  
11 retaliatory November 22, 2005, rules violate by [Defendant] G. Schopf, and was deprived  
12 of parole opportunity without due process.” (Compl. at 9.) It appears that the specific  
13 appeal was granted at the first level, but that he was deprived of relief because of an  
14 allegedly false rules violation report; Plaintiff claims that Defendants J. Magallon, G.  
15 Schopf and S. Hatton deprived him of his rights. (Id.) Plaintiff also claims that he never  
16 received fair notice of one of documents used against him. (Id.)

17 Secondly, Plaintiff claims that on March 20, 2008, Defendants D. Ambriz, D. M.  
18 Mantel and M.S. Evans raised “false, and unfounded, non-existent allegations of threats  
19 against staff against the [P]laintiff, in order to have him placed in Ad Seg and file motions  
20 to revoke his in forma pauperis status and have his federal lawsuits dismissed.” (Id. at  
21 10.) Plaintiff claims that Defendants conspired with Defendants Hatton, Schopf, and  
22 Magallon to retaliate against him for suing them in federal court in violation of the First  
23 and Fourteenth Amendments. (Id.) Liberally construed, Plaintiff’s claims are cognizable  
24 under § 1983.

### 25 26 **CONCLUSION**

27 For the foregoing reasons, the Court orders as follows:

- 28 1. The Clerk of the Court shall mail a Notice of Lawsuit and Request for

1 Waiver of Service of Summons, two copies of the Waiver of Service of Summons, a copy  
2 of the complaint, all attachments thereto, and a copy of this order upon **Defendants S.**  
3 **Hatton, G. Schopf, J. Magallon, D. M. Mantel, D. Ambriz and Warden M. S. Evans**  
4 **at Salinas Valley State Prison, (P.O. Box 1020, Soledad, CA 93960-1020).**

5 **Defendants G. Biagini and G. A. Neotti are DISMISSED** from this action as  
6 Plaintiff makes no factual allegations against them in the complaint. The Clerk shall  
7 terminate these defendants from this action.

8 The Clerk of the Court shall also mail a courtesy copy of the complaint and a copy  
9 of this Order to the California Attorney General's Office. Additionally, the Clerk shall  
10 mail a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

11 2. Defendants are cautioned that Rule 4 of the Federal Rules of Civil  
12 Procedure requires them to cooperate in saving unnecessary costs of service of the  
13 summons and complaint. Pursuant to Rule 4, if Defendants, after being notified of this  
14 action and asked by the Court, on behalf of Plaintiff, to waive service of the summons,  
15 fail to do so, they will be required to bear the cost of such service unless good cause  
16 shown for their failure to sign and return the waiver form. If service is waived, this action  
17 will proceed as if Defendants had been served on the date that the waiver is filed, except  
18 that pursuant to Rule 12(a)(1)(B), Defendants will not be required to serve and file an  
19 answer before **sixty (60) days** from the day on which the request for waiver was sent.  
20 (This allows a longer time to respond than would be required if formal service of  
21 summons is necessary.) Defendants are asked to read the statement set forth at the foot of  
22 the waiver form that more completely describes the duties of the parties with regard to  
23 waiver of service of the summons. If service is waived after the date provided in the  
24 Notice but before Defendants have been personally served, the Answer shall be due **sixty**  
25 **(60) days** from the date on which the request for waiver was sent or **twenty (20) days**  
26 from the date the waiver form is filed, whichever is later.

27 3. No later than **sixty (60) days** from the date of this order, Defendants shall  
28 file a motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion with respect to the claims

1 in the amended complaint found to be cognizable above.

2 a. If Defendants elect to file a motion to dismiss on the grounds  
3 Plaintiff failed to exhaust his available administrative remedies as required by 42 U.S.C.  
4 § 1997e(a), Defendants shall do so in an unenumerated Rule 12(b) motion pursuant to  
5 Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d 1108, 1119-20 (9th Cir. 2003), cert. denied Alameida v.  
6 Terhune, 540 U.S. 810 (2003).

7 b. Any motion for summary judgment shall be supported by adequate  
8 factual documentation and shall conform in all respects to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of  
9 Civil Procedure. **Defendants are advised that summary judgment cannot be granted,**  
10 **nor qualified immunity found, if material facts are in dispute. If any Defendant is of**  
11 **the opinion that this case cannot be resolved by summary judgment, he shall so**  
12 **inform the Court prior to the date the summary judgment motion is due.**

13 4. Plaintiff's opposition to the dispositive motion shall be filed with the Court  
14 and served on Defendants no later than **thirty (30) days** from the date Defendants'  
15 motion is filed.

16 a. In the event the Defendants file an unenumerated motion to dismiss  
17 under Rule 12(b), Plaintiff is hereby cautioned as follows:<sup>1</sup>

18 The defendants have made a motion to dismiss pursuant to Rule  
19 12(b) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, on the ground you  
20 have not exhausted your administrative remedies. The motion will,  
21 if granted, result in the dismissal of your case. When a party you are  
22 suing makes a motion to dismiss for failure to exhaust, and that  
23 motion is properly supported by declarations (or other sworn  
24 testimony) and/or documents, you may not simply rely on what your  
25 complaint says. Instead, you must set out specific facts in  
26 declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories, or documents,  
27 that contradict the facts shown in the defendant's declarations and  
28 documents and show that you have in fact exhausted your claims. If  
you do not submit your own evidence in opposition, the motion to  
dismiss, if appropriate, may be granted and the case dismissed.

b. In the event Defendants file a motion for summary judgment,

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<sup>1</sup> The following notice is adapted from the summary judgment notice to be given to pro se prisoners as set forth in Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc). See Wyatt v. Terhune, 315 F.3d at 1120 n.14.

1 the Ninth Circuit has held that the following notice should be given to Plaintiffs:

2 The defendants have made a motion for summary judgment by which  
3 they seek to have your case dismissed. A motion for summary  
4 judgment under Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure will,  
5 if granted, end your case.

6 Rule 56 tells you what you must do in order to oppose a motion for  
7 summary judgment. Generally, summary judgment must be granted  
8 when there is no genuine issue of material fact--that is, if there is no  
9 real dispute about any fact that would affect the result of your case,  
10 the party who asked for summary judgment is entitled to judgment as  
11 a matter of law, which will end your case. When a party you are  
12 suing makes a motion for summary judgment that is properly  
13 supported by declarations (or other sworn testimony), you cannot  
14 simply rely on what your complaint says. Instead, you must set out  
15 specific facts in declarations, depositions, answers to interrogatories,  
16 or authenticated documents, as provided in Rule 56(e), that  
17 contradict the facts shown in the defendants' declarations and  
18 documents and show that there is a genuine issue of material fact for  
19 trial. If you do not submit your own evidence in opposition,  
20 summary judgment, if appropriate, may be entered against you. If  
21 summary judgment is granted in favor of defendants, your case will  
22 be dismissed and there will be no trial.

23 See Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 963 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc). Plaintiff is advised to  
24 read Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477  
25 U.S. 317 (1986) (holding party opposing summary judgment must come forward with  
26 evidence showing triable issues of material fact on every essential element of his claim).  
27 Plaintiff is cautioned that failure to file an opposition to Defendants' motion for summary  
28 judgment may be deemed to be a consent by Plaintiff to the granting of the motion, and  
granting of judgment against Plaintiff without a trial. See Ghazali v. Moran, 46 F.3d 52,  
53-54 (9th Cir. 1995) (per curiam); Brydges v. Lewis, 18 F.3d 651, 653 (9th Cir. 1994).

5. Defendants shall file a reply brief no later than **fifteen (15) days** after  
Plaintiff's opposition is filed.

6. The motion shall be deemed submitted as of the date the reply brief is due.  
No hearing will be held on the motion unless the Court so orders at a later date.

7. All communications by the Plaintiff with the Court must be served on  
Defendants, or Defendants' counsel once counsel has been designated, by mailing a true  
copy of the document to Defendants or Defendants' counsel.

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8. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. No further court order under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2) or Local Rule 16-1 is required before the parties may conduct discovery.

9. It is Plaintiff's responsibility to prosecute this case. Plaintiff must keep the court informed of any change of address and must comply with the court's orders in a timely fashion. Failure to do so may result in the dismissal of this action for failure to prosecute pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 41(b).

10. Extensions of time must be filed no later than the deadline sought to be extended and must be accompanied by a showing of good cause.

DATED: 2/13/2012

EDWARD J. DAVILA  
United States District Judge

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

That on 2/15/2012, 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 envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

Richard J. Crane C-44519  
High Desert State Prison  
P.O. Box 3030  
Susanville, CA 96127-3030

Dated: 2/15/2012

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
/s/ By: Elizabeth Garcia, Deputy Clerk