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

HECTOR LOPEZ,)	No. C 13-0173 RMW (PR)
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Plaintiff,)	ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
)	REQUEST TO SERVE DEFENDANT
v.)	D. HALE
)	
D. SPURGEON, et al.,)	
)	
Defendants.)	
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Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed an amended civil rights complaint against Pelican Bay State Prison (“PBSP”) officials pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On October 23, 2013, the court ordered a partial dismissal of plaintiff’s complaint, and ordered service upon the named defendants. (Docket No. 21.) Office Technician L. Padon of the Litigation office at PBSP, had previously informed the court that he was “unable to identify H. Clotta as ever working at Pelican Bay State Prison.” (Docket No. 9.) In response to the court’s order directing plaintiff to provide the court with more information to help identify and serve defendant H. Clotta, (docket no. 12), plaintiff filed a declaration stating that he was notified by defendants that defendant H. Clotta’s accurate name is D. Hale. (Docket No. 19.) Plaintiff requests the court to serve the amended complaint upon D. Hale, a correctional officer employed at PBSP, not H. Clotta. Plaintiff’s request is **GRANTED**.

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1 **CONCLUSION**

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

3 1. The clerk of the court shall mail a notice of lawsuit and request for waiver of
4 service of summons, two copies of the waiver of service of summons, a copy of the amended
5 complaint and all attachments thereto (docket no. 10), and a copy of the court’s order dated
6 October 23, 2013 order (docket no. 21), and a copy of this order to **Correctional Officer D.**
7 **Hale at PBSP.** The clerk of the court shall also mail a courtesy copy of this order to the
8 California Attorney General’s Office. Additionally, the clerk shall mail a copy of this order to
9 plaintiff.

10 2. The clerk of the court is directed to substitute defendant D. Hale for defendant H.
11 Clotta.

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

27 4. No later than **ninety (90) days** from the date of this order, defendant shall file a
28 motion for summary judgment or other dispositive motion with respect to the cognizable claim

1 in the amended complaint.

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

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

12 5. Plaintiff's opposition to the dispositive motion shall be filed with the court and
13 served on defendant no later than **twenty-eight (28) days** from the date defendant's motion is
14 filed. Plaintiff is advised to read Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and Celotex
15 Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317 (1986).

16 6. Defendant shall file a reply brief no later than **fourteen (14) days** after plaintiff's
17 opposition is filed.

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

20 8. All communications by the plaintiff with the court must be served on defendant or
21 defendant's counsel, by mailing a true copy of the document to defendant or defendant's
22 counsel.

23 9. Discovery may be taken in accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.
24 No further court order is required before the parties may conduct discovery.

25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 DATED: _____

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28 RONALD M. WHYTE
United States District Judge

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

HECTOR LOPEZ,
Plaintiff,

Case Number: CV13-00173 RMW

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

v.

D. SPURGEON et al,
Defendant.

_____/

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 November 27, 2013, 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.

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Dated: November 27, 2013

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk
By: Jackie Lynn Garcia, Deputy Clerk