

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 13-cv-01793-BNB

MICHAEL BACOTE,

Applicant,

v.

DAVID BERKEBILE,

Respondent.

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ORDER TO FILE PRELIMINARY RESPONSE

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Applicant, Michael Bacote, is a prisoner in the custody of the United States Bureau of Prisons, who currently is incarcerated at the United States Penitentiary in Florence, Colorado. Mr. Bacote initiated this action by filing an Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241. He has been granted leave to proceed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

As part of the preliminary consideration of the Application in this case and pursuant to *Keck v. Hartley*, 550 F. Supp. 2d 1272 (D. Colo. 2008), the Court has determined that a limited Preliminary Response is appropriate. Respondent is directed pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts to file a Preliminary Response limited to addressing the affirmative defense of exhaustion of administrative remedies with respect to the execution of his sentence. If Respondent does not intend to raise this affirmative defense, Respondent must notify the Court of that decision in the Preliminary Response. Respondent may

not file a dispositive motion as a Preliminary Response, or an Answer, or otherwise address the merits of the claims in response to this Order.

In support of the Preliminary Response, Respondent should attach as exhibits all relevant portions of the administrative record, including but not limited to copies of all documents demonstrating whether Mr. Bacote has exhausted administrative remedies. Accordingly, it is

ORDERED that **within twenty-one days from the date of this Order** Respondent shall file a Preliminary Response that complies with this Order. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that **within twenty-one days of the filing of the Preliminary Response** Applicant may file a Reply, if he desires. It is

FURTHER ORDERED that if Respondent does not intend to raise the affirmative defense of exhaustion of administrative remedies, Respondent must notify the Court of that decision in the Preliminary Response.

Dated: August 1, 2013

BY THE COURT:

s/Boyd N. Boland  
United States Magistrate Judge