

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF COLORADO

Civil Action No. 15-cv-1061-GPG

**JOHN TRUJILLO,**

Applicant,

v.

**LOU ARCHULETA, and  
ATTORNEY GENERAL OF THE STATE OF COLORADO, The**

Respondents.

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**ORDER TO FILE PRE-ANSWER RESPONSE**

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As part of the preliminary consideration of the Application for a Writ of Habeas Corpus Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 (ECF No. 1) filed on May 20, 2015, in this action and pursuant to *Denson v. Abbott*, 554 F. Supp. 2d 1206 (D. Colo. 2008), the Court has determined that a limited Pre-Answer Response is appropriate. Respondents are directed pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts to file a Pre-Answer Response limited to addressing the affirmative defenses of timeliness under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d), successiveness, exhaustion of state court remedies under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(1)(A) and/or procedural default. In particular, Respondents should address the issue of the effect of *Martinez v. Ryan*, 132 S.Ct. 1309 (2012) as discussed in the Application. If Respondents do not intend to raise any of these affirmative defenses, Respondents must notify the Court of that decision in the Pre-Answer Response. Respondents may not file a dispositive motion as the Pre-Answer Response, or an Answer, or otherwise address the merits of the claims in response to this Order.

In support of the Pre-Answer Response, Respondents should attach as exhibits all relevant portions of the state court record.

Applicant may reply to the Pre-Answer Response and provide any information that might be relevant to the one-year limitation period under 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d), successive petitions, exhaustion of state court remedies, procedural default and application of *Martinez*. Applicant also should include information relevant to equitable tolling, specifically as to whether he has pursued his claims diligently and whether some extraordinary circumstance prevented him from filing a timely 28 U.S.C. § 2254 action in this Court. Accordingly, it is

**ORDERED** that **within twenty-one (21) days from the date of this Order** Respondents shall file a Pre-Answer Response that complies with this Order. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that **within twenty-one (21) days of the filing of the Pre-Answer Response** Applicant may file a Reply, if he desires. It is

**FURTHER ORDERED** that if Respondents do not intend to raise either of the affirmative defenses of timeliness or exhaustion of state court remedies, Respondents must notify the Court of that decision in the Pre-Answer Response.

DATED May 22, 2015, at Denver, Colorado.

BY THE COURT:

s/ Gordon P. Gallagher  
United States Magistrate Judge