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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

ROBERT STOLTZ,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
D.W. NEVEN, *et al.*,  
Respondents.

Case No. 2:15-cv-00511-APG-VCF

**ORDER**

This action is a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 by a Nevada state prisoner.

Petitioner has filed a motion for the appointment of counsel. (Dkt. #2). Pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(2)(B), the district court has discretion to appoint counsel when it determines that the “interests of justice” require representation in a habeas corpus case. Petitioner has no constitutional right to appointed counsel in a federal habeas corpus proceeding. *Pennsylvania v. Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9th Cir. 1993). The decision to appoint counsel is within the Court’s discretion. *Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986), *cert. denied*, 481 U.S. 1023 (1987); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 469 U.S. 838 (1984). The petition on file in this action is sufficiently clear in

1 presenting the issues that petitioner wishes to bring. The issues in this case are not complex.  
2 Counsel is not justified in this instance and the motion is denied.

3 Petitioner has paid the filing fee for this action. (Dkt. #4). The Court has reviewed the  
4 habeas petition, and it shall be served on respondents. Respondents shall file a response to the  
5 petition, as set forth at the conclusion of this order.

6 **IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED** that petitioner's motion for the appointment of counsel  
7 (dkt. #2) is **DENIED**.

8 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **FILE and ELECTRONICALLY**  
9 **SERVE** the petition (dkt. #1-1) upon the respondents. The Clerk of Court **SHALL ADD** Attorney  
10 General Adam Paul Laxalt to the CM/ECF docket sheet as counsel for respondents.

11 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that respondents shall have **forty-five (45)** days from entry  
12 of this order within which to answer, or otherwise respond to, the petition. In their answer or other  
13 response, respondents shall address all claims presented in the petition. Respondents shall raise all  
14 potential affirmative defenses in the initial responsive pleading, including lack of exhaustion and  
15 procedural default. **Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained.** If an answer is filed,  
16 respondents shall comply with the requirements of Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Proceedings in  
17 the United States District Courts under 28 U.S.C. §2254. If an answer is filed, petitioner shall have  
18 **forty-five (45) days** from the date of service of the answer to file a reply.

19 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that any state court record exhibits filed by respondents shall  
20 be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits by number or letter. The hard copy  
21 of all state court record exhibits shall be forwarded, for this case, to the staff attorneys in the **Reno**  
22 Division of the Clerk of Court.

23 **IT IS FURTHER ORDERED** that, henceforth, petitioner shall serve upon the Attorney  
24 General of the State of Nevada a copy of every pleading, motion, or other document he submits for  
25 consideration by the Court. Petitioner shall include with the original paper submitted for filing a  
26 certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy of the document was mailed to the Attorney  
27 General. The Court may disregard any paper that does not include a certificate of service. After  
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1 respondents appear in this action, petitioner shall make such service upon the particular Deputy  
2 Attorney General assigned to the case.

3 Dated this 3<sup>rd</sup> day of December, 2015.  
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8 ANDREW P. GORDON  
9 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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