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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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DANE FLY,		Case No. 2:17-cv-01611-MMD-GWF
	Petitioner,	ORDER
v.		
JO GENTRY,		
	Respondent.	

By a previous order (ECF No. 3), petitioner was directed to pay the filing fee in order to proceed with his federal habeas petition. The Court has been informed that petitioner has now paid the full filing fee. In addition, petitioner has filed an amended petition. (ECF No. 5.)

The Court has reviewed the proposed petition under Habeas Rule 4. It appears as if petitioner still has not completed state court exhaustion with respect to any of the claims in his petition. A federal court may not grant habeas corpus relief on a claim not exhausted in state court. 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b). The exhaustion doctrine is based on the policy of federal-state comity, and is intended to allow state courts the initial opportunity to correct constitutional deprivations. *Picard v. Conner*, 404 U.S. 270, 275 (1971). To exhaust a claim, a petitioner must fairly present the claim to the highest state court, and must give that court the opportunity to address and resolve it. *Duncan v. Henry*, 513 U.S. 364, 365 (1995) (per curiam); *Keeney v. Tamayo-Reyes*, 504 U.S. 1, 10 (1992).

1 The Court will grant petitioner an opportunity to show cause why this action should
2 not be dismissed on account of his failure to exhaust any of his claims in state court. If
3 petitioner fails, within the time allowed, to make a prima facie showing that he has
4 exhausted, in state court, one or more of the claims he asserts, this case will be
5 dismissed. *See Rose v. Lundy*, 455 U.S. 509 (1982).

6 In the alternative, petitioner may request stay and abeyance as provided in *Rhines*
7 *v. Weber*, 544 U.S. 269 (2005). Under *Rhines*, a district court has discretion to stay a
8 mixed or wholly unexhausted petition to allow a petitioner time to present his or her
9 unexhausted claims to state courts. 544 U.S. at 276; *see Mena v. Long*, 813 F.3d 907,
10 912 (9th Cir. 2016) (holding a district court has the discretion to stay and hold in abeyance
11 fully unexhausted petitions under the circumstances set forth in *Rhines*). This Court will
12 not grant a *Rhines* stay, however, unless “the petitioner had good cause for his failure to
13 exhaust, his unexhausted claims are potentially meritorious, and there is no indication
14 that the petitioner engaged in intentionally dilatory litigation tactics.” *Rhines*, 544 U.S. at
15 278.

16 It is therefore ordered that petitioner shall have thirty (30) days from the date of
17 entry of this order to either (1) show cause why the Court should not dismiss this action
18 as unexhausted or (2) file a motion for stay and abeyance.¹ Failure to respond to this
19 order within the time allowed, or failure to make the required prima facie showing, will
20 result in the dismissal of this action. If petitioner maintains that any claims in the petition
21 have been exhausted, petitioner must attach with his response copies of any and all
22 papers that were accepted for filing in the state courts that he contends demonstrate that
23 the claims are exhausted. All factual assertions must be specific and supported by
24 competent evidence.

25 No extension of time will be granted to respond to this order except in the most
26 compelling of circumstances.

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28 ¹This order does not explicitly or implicitly hold that the petition otherwise is free of
deficiencies.

1 It is further ordered that the Clerk add Adam Paul Laxalt, Attorney General of the
2 State of Nevada, as counsel for respondents, and electronically serve a copy of the
3 petition and this order upon the respondents. Respondents' counsel must enter a notice
4 of appearance within twenty (20) days of the entry of this order, but need take no further
5 action in the case unless and until the Court so orders.

6 DATED this 31st day of July 2017.

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MIRANDA M. DU
10 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE
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