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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**

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**DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

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8 ROBERT ANTHONY SMITH,

9           Petitioner,

3:08-cv-00335-RCJ-WGC

10 vs.

**ORDER**11 RENEE BAKER, *et al.*,

12           Respondents.

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15           In this habeas corpus action, the petitioner, Robert Anthony Smith, filed a first amended  
16 petition for writ of habeas corpus (ECF No. 20) on April 20, 2009. On June 9, 2009, the case was  
17 stayed, upon a stipulation of the parties, to allow Smith to exhaust claims in state court (ECF Nos.  
18 31, 32). The stay was lifted on March 18, 2011 (ECF No. 37). Respondents then filed a motion to  
19 dismiss, and the court ruled on that motion on November 4, 2011, granting it in part and denying it  
20 in part, and dismissing three of the claims in Smith's first amended habeas petition (Grounds 4, 5  
21 and 7) (ECF No. 46). Respondents filed an answer on February 3, 2012, responding to Smith's  
22 remaining claims (ECF No. 52). Smith filed a reply on May 17, 2012 (ECF No. 59).

23           Between October 2013 and September 2014, the progress of the case was delayed by  
24 proceedings regarding Smith's representation (ECF Nos. 62, 63, 64, 65, 66). Ultimately, Smith's  
25 counsel filed a motion to withdraw (ECF No. 64), which was granted (ECF No. 65), and the court  
26 appointed new counsel for Smith (ECF No. 66).

