

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

EDDIE JAMES THOMAS, JR.,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
JACK PALMER, et al.,  
Respondents.

Case No. 3:09-CV-00455-HDM- (RAM)

## ORDER

Petitioner has submitted a second amended petition (#18). The court has reviewed it pursuant to Rule 4 of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts. The court will serve the second amended petition upon respondents for a response.

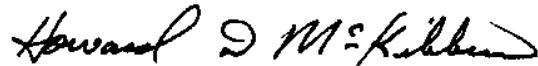
20 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED, as per prior agreement, that the  
21 clerk of court shall add Attorney General Catherine Cortez Masto  
22 (listed under Cortez) as counsel for respondents and shall make  
23 informal electronic service of this order and the second amended  
24 petition (#18) upon respondents by directing a notice of electronic  
25 filing to her office. In addition, the clerk shall return to  
26 petitioner a copy of the second amended petition (#18).

27 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that respondents shall have forty-  
28 five (45) days from the date on which the second amended petition

1 (#18) was served to answer or otherwise respond to the second  
2 amended petition (#18). If respondents file and serve an answer,  
3 then they shall comply with Rule 5 of the Rules Governing Section  
4 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, and then  
5 petitioner shall have forty-five (45) days from the date on which  
6 the answer is served to file a reply.

7 IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that henceforth, petitioner shall  
8 serve upon respondents or, if appearance has been entered by  
9 counsel, upon the attorney(s), a copy of every pleading, motion or  
10 other document submitted for consideration by the court.  
11 Petitioner shall include with the original paper submitted for  
12 filing a certificate stating the date that a true and correct copy  
13 of the document was mailed to the respondents or counsel for the  
14 respondents. The court may disregard any paper received by a  
15 district judge or magistrate judge that has not been filed with the  
16 clerk, and any paper received by a district judge, magistrate  
17 judge, or the clerk that fails to include a certificate of service.

18 DATED: August 23, 2010

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21 HOWARD D. MCKIBBEN  
United States District Judge

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