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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA**

PAUL RECKTENWALD,  
Petitioner,  
vs.  
DWIGHT NEVEN, *et al.*,  
Respondents.

Case No. 3:15-cv-00187-RCJ-VPC  
**ORDER**

Before the court is a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, filed by a Nevada prisoner (ECF #1-1). Petitioner’s application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF #1) is granted. The court has reviewed the petition pursuant to Habeas Rule 4, and the petition shall be docketed and served.

A petition for federal habeas corpus should include all claims for relief of which petitioner is aware. If petitioner fails to include such a claim in his petition, he may be forever barred from seeking federal habeas relief upon that claim. *See* 28 U.S.C. §2254(b) (successive petitions). If petitioner is aware of any claim not included in his petition, he should notify the court of that as soon as possible, perhaps by means of a motion to amend his petition to add the claim.

Petitioner has also submitted a motion for appointment of counsel (ECF #1-3). There is no constitutional right to appointed counsel for a federal habeas corpus proceeding. *Pennsylvania v.*

1 *Finley*, 481 U.S. 551, 555 (1987); *Bonin v. Vasquez*, 999 F.2d 425, 428 (9th Cir. 1993). The decision  
2 to appoint counsel is generally discretionary. *Chaney v. Lewis*, 801 F.2d 1191, 1196 (9th Cir. 1986),  
3 *cert. denied*, 481 U.S. 1023 (1987); *Bashor v. Risley*, 730 F.2d 1228, 1234 (9th Cir.), *cert. denied*, 469  
4 U.S. 838 (1984). However, counsel must be appointed if the complexities of the case are such that  
5 denial of counsel would amount to a denial of due process, and where the petitioner is a person of such  
6 limited education as to be incapable of fairly presenting his claims. *See Chaney*, 801 F.2d at 1196; *see*  
7 *also Hawkins v. Bennett*, 423 F.2d 948 (8th Cir. 1970). Here, the court notes that petitioner is serving  
8 at least three consecutive life sentences with the possibility of parole. However, the petition in this  
9 action appears sufficiently clear in presenting the issues that petitioner wishes to raise, and the legal  
10 issues do not appear to be particularly complex; therefore, counsel is not justified. Accordingly,  
11 petitioner's motion for appointment of counsel is denied.

12 Finally, the court considers petitioner's motion to extend the prison copywork limit (ECF #1-2).  
13 A court may order a prison to provide limited photocopying when it is necessary for an inmate to  
14 provide copies to the court and other parties. *See, e.g., Allen v. Clark County Detention Center*, 2011  
15 WL 886343, at \* 2 (D. Nev. March 11, 2011). As petitioner will have an opportunity to respond to  
16 or oppose respondents' response to his petition, petitioner's motion is granted. However, petitioner asks  
17 for \$400 in copywork, with no explanation whatsoever, and this the court will not grant such a large  
18 sum. Petitioner shall be granted an additional \$50 in credit for copywork to be used in this habeas  
19 proceeding only.

20 **IT THEREFORE IS ORDERED** that petitioner's application to proceed *in forma pauperis*  
21 (ECF #1) is **GRANTED**.

22 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **FILE** and **ELECTRONICALLY SERVE**  
23 the petition (ECF #1-1) on respondents.

24 **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that respondents shall file a response to the petition, including  
25 potentially by motion to dismiss, within **ninety (90) days** of service of the petition, with any requests  
26 for relief by petitioner by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule under the local  
27 rules. **Any response filed shall comply with the remaining provisions below, which are entered**  
28 **pursuant to Habeas Rule 4.**

1           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that any procedural defenses raised by respondents in this case  
2 shall be raised together in a single consolidated motion to dismiss. In other words, the court does not  
3 wish to address any procedural defenses raised herein either in *seriatum* fashion in multiple successive  
4 motions to dismiss or embedded in the answer. Procedural defenses omitted from such motion to  
5 dismiss will be subject to potential waiver. Respondents shall not file a response in this case that  
6 consolidates their procedural defenses, if any, with their response on the merits, except pursuant to 28  
7 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) as to any unexhausted claims clearly lacking merit. If respondents do seek  
8 dismissal of unexhausted claims under § 2254(b)(2): (a) they shall do so within the single motion to  
9 dismiss **not** in the answer; and (b) they shall specifically direct their argument to the standard for  
10 dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*, 406 F.3d 614, 623-24 (9th Cir. 2005). In  
11 short, no procedural defenses, including exhaustion, shall be included with the merits in an answer. All  
12 procedural defenses, including exhaustion, instead must be raised by motion to dismiss.

13           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that, in any answer filed on the merits, respondents shall  
14 specifically cite to and address the applicable state court written decision and state court record  
15 materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

16           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that petitioner shall have **thirty (30) days** from service of the  
17 answer, motion to dismiss, or other response to file a reply or opposition, with any other requests for  
18 relief by respondents by motion otherwise being subject to the normal briefing schedule under the local  
19 rules.

20           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that any additional state court record exhibits filed herein by  
21 either petitioner or respondents shall be filed with a separate index of exhibits identifying the exhibits  
22 by number. The CM/ECF attachments that are filed further shall be identified by the number or  
23 numbers of the exhibits in the attachment. The hard copy of any additional state court record exhibits  
24 shall be forwarded – for this case – to the staff attorneys in **Reno**.

25           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **DETACH** and **FILE** petitioner’s motion  
26 for appointment of counsel (ECF #1-3).

27           **IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that petitioner’s motion for appointment of counsel (ECF #1-3)  
28 is **DENIED**.

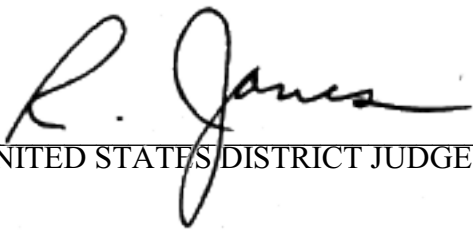
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**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that the Clerk shall **DETACH** and **FILE** petitioner's motion to extend copywork limit (ECF #1-2)

**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that petitioner's motion to extend copywork limit (ECF #1-2) is **GRANTED**. Petitioner shall be granted an additional \$50 in credit for copywork **to be used in this habeas proceeding only**.

**IT FURTHER IS ORDERED** that petitioner's motion to transfer case to Las Vegas (ECF #3) is **DENIED**.

DATED: This 30<sup>th</sup> day of April, 2015.

  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE