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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

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HERON CRUZ,

Case No. 3:16-cv-00536-MMD-WGC

Petitioner,

ORDER

v.

STATE OF NEVADA, *et al.*,

Respondents.

This action was opened by the Clerk of Court as a *pro se* petition for a writ of habeas corpus filed pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254 by a Nevada state prisoner.

Petitioner initiated this action by submitting an *in forma pauperis* application and a motion for the appointment of counsel. (ECF Nos.1 & 1-1). This action has not been properly commenced because petitioner failed to submit a habeas petition. Unless an issue of federal constitutional or statutory law is implicated by the facts presented, there is no cognizable claim under federal habeas corpus. *Estelle v. McGuire*, 502 U.S. 62, 68 (1991). As there is no petition submitted in this action, it will be dismissed, without prejudice to filing a petition as a new action.

Additionally, petitioner's *in forma pauperis* application is incomplete. Under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(a)(2) and Local Rule LSR 1-2, petitioner must attach both an inmate account statement for the past six months and a properly executed financial certificate. Here, petitioner failed to include a copy of his inmate account statement and failed to submit a financial certificate signed by an authorized prison or jail officer. The Court is unable to see, *inter alia*, the regularity and amount of any incoming funds as well as the

1 extent to which petitioner is making discretionary expenditures that instead could be
2 applied to payment of the filing fee.

3 Due to the defects presented, the present action will be dismissed without
4 prejudice to the filing of a new petition in a new action with a pauper application with all
5 required attachments. It does not appear from the papers presented that a dismissal
6 without prejudice would result in a promptly-filed new petition being untimely. In this
7 regard, petitioner at all times remains responsible for calculating the running of the
8 federal limitation period as applied to his case, properly commencing a timely-filed
9 federal habeas action, and properly exhausting his claims in the state courts.

10 It is therefore ordered that the application to proceed *in forma pauperis* (ECF No.
11 1) is denied and that this action is dismissed without prejudice to the filing of a new
12 petition in a new action with a properly completed pauper application with all new and
13 complete financial attachments.

14 It is further ordered that all pending motions are denied without prejudice.

15 It is further ordered that the Clerk of Court send petitioner two (2) copies each of
16 an application form to proceed *in forma pauperis* for incarcerated persons and a
17 noncapital Section 2254 habeas petition form, one (1) copy of the instructions for each
18 form, and a copy of the papers that he submitted in this action.

19 It is further ordered that petitioner may file a new petition and *in forma pauperis*
20 application in a new action, but he may not file further documents in this action.

21 It is further ordered that the Clerk of the Court enter judgment accordingly.

22 It is further ordered that a certificate of appealability is denied. Reasonable jurists
23 would not find the dismissal of the improperly-commenced action without prejudice to be
24 debatable or wrong.

25 DATED THIS 19th day of September 2016.

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MIRANDA M. DU
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE