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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF NEVADA

JOHN EDWARD KIRBY,  
  
Petitioner,  
  
v.  
  
WARDEN BRIETENBACH,  
  
Respondents.

Case No. 3:24-cv-00002-ART-CSD

ORDER

Following the Notice of Appearance (ECF No. 15) by the Federal Public Defender on behalf of Petitioner John Edward Kirby, it is hereby ordered:

- 1. The Federal Public Defender, through Laura Barrera, Esq., is appointed as counsel for Petitioner pursuant to 18 U.S.C. § 3006A(a)(2)(B). Counsel will represent Petitioner in all federal proceedings related to this matter, including any appeals or certiorari proceedings, unless allowed to withdraw.
- 2. Petitioner will have 90 days from entry of this order to file an amended petition and/or seek other appropriate relief. This deadline and any extension thereof may not be construed as implied findings regarding the federal limitation period or a basis for tolling. Petitioner at all times remains responsible for calculating the running of the federal limitation period and timely asserting claims, without regard to any court-ordered deadlines or extensions. Thus, a petition or amended petition filed within a court-ordered deadline may still be dismissed as untimely if it violates the statute of limitations. *See Sossa v. Diaz*, 729 F.3d 1225, 1235 (9th Cir. 2013).
- 3. Respondents must file a response to the amended petition, including potentially by motion to dismiss, within 60 days of service of an amended petition. Petitioner may file a reply within 60 days of service of the answer.

1           However, Local Rule LR 7-2(b) governs the response and reply time to any  
2           motion filed by either party, including motions filed in lieu of a pleading.

3           4. Any procedural defenses Respondents raise to the counseled amended  
4           petition must be raised together in a single, consolidated motion to dismiss.  
5           Successive motions to dismiss will not be entertained, and any procedural  
6           defenses omitted from the consolidated motion to dismiss will be waived.  
7           Respondents may not file a response that consolidates their procedural  
8           defenses, if any, with their response on the merits. But arguments that an  
9           unexhausted claim clearly lacks merit may be included a procedural-  
10          defense response. If Respondents seek dismissal of unexhausted claims  
11          under 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(2) they must: (1) do so in a single motion to  
12          dismiss, not in the answer; and (2) specifically direct their argument to the  
13          standard for dismissal under § 2254(b)(2) as set forth in *Cassett v. Stewart*,  
14          406 F.3d 614, 623–24 (9th Cir. 2005). In short, no procedural defenses,  
15          including exhaustion, may be included with the merits in an answer. All  
16          procedural defenses, including exhaustion, must be raised in a single  
17          motion to dismiss.

18          5. In any answer filed on the merits, Respondents must specifically cite to and  
19          address the applicable state court written decision and state court record  
20          materials, if any, regarding each claim within the response as to that claim.

21          6. Respondents must file the state court exhibits relevant to their response in  
22          chronological order.

23          7. All state court records and related exhibits must be filed in accordance with  
24          LR IA 10-3 and LR IC 2-2 and include a separate index identifying each  
25          exhibit by number or letter. The index must be filed in CM/ECF’s document  
26          upload screen as the base document to receive the base docket number  
27          (*e.g.*, ECF No. 10). Each exhibit must then be filed as “attachments” to the  
28          base document to receive a sequenced sub-docket number (*e.g.*, Exhibit A

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(ECF No. 10-1), Exhibit B (ECF No. 10-2), Exhibit C (ECF No. 10-3), and so forth). If the exhibits will span more than one filing, the base document in each successive filing must be either a copy of the index or volume cover page. See LR IC 2-2(a)(3)(A).

8. Notwithstanding LR IC 2-2(g), paper copies of any electronically filed exhibits need not be provided to chambers or to the staff attorney, unless later directed by the court.

DATED THIS 8<sup>th</sup> day of May 2024.



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ANNE R. TRAUM  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE