

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
AT SEATTLE

MARLOW TODD EGGUM,

Petitioner:

Case No. C14-1328-RAJ-MAT

V.

11 | JEFFREY UTTECHT,

Respondent

ORDER REFERRING CASE TO
FEDERAL PUBLIC DEFENDER FOR
REVIEW

This is a 28 U.S.C. § 2254 federal habeas action. Petitioner has filed a motion to appoint counsel. (Dkt. 82.) There is no constitutional right to appointment of counsel in actions brought under § 2254; however, the Court may exercise its discretion to appoint counsel for a financially eligible individual where the “interests of justice so require.” 18 U.S.C. § 3006A; *see also Weygardt v. Look*, 718 F.2d 952 (9th Cir. 1983). It appears from the record that appointment of counsel may be warranted in the instant action. The Court thus ORDERS:

(1) This matter is referred to the Office of the Federal Public Defender for review.

(2) Within ***twenty-one (21) days*** of the date this Order is signed, the Office of the
1 Public Defender shall advise the Court whether it intends to seek appointment in this
1. If the Office of the Federal Public Defender determines that it will seek appointment in

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1 this matter, it shall assist petitioner in preparing a revised motion for appointment of counsel, as
2 well as a financial affidavit that will allow the Court to determine whether petitioner is
3 financially eligible for such an appointment.

4 (3) The Clerk is directed to send copies of this Order to the parties, to the Office of
5 the Federal Public Defender, and to the Honorable Richard A. Jones.

6 DATED this 7th day of February, 2017.

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8 Mary Alice Theiler
9 United States Magistrate Judge

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