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CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SHERIFF OF LOS ANGELES COUNTY,

Petitioner,

Respondent.

No. CV 09-1914-GW(CW)

ORDER REQUIRING RESPONSE TO PETITION FOR WRIT OF HABEAS CORPUS (28 U.S.C. § 2254)

Petitioner, who is in custody at Los Angeles County Jail under order of the Superior Court, has filed a petition for writ of habeas IT IS ORDERED as follows:

- 1. The clerk shall (a) serve copies of the potition and this order on Respondent by delivering them to an authorized agent of the Shoriff of Los Angeles County, and to the Appellate Division of the Office of the District Attorney for Los Angeles County; and (b) serve a copy of this order on Petilioner.
- 2. Respondent shall file a response to the petition within fourteen (14) days from the filing date of this order, and shall lodge with the court copies of all pertinent documents. See Rules 4 and 5

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of the Rules Governing Section 2254 Cases in the United States District Courts, 2004 revision (cited as "28 foll. § 2254"). This response may be either an answer or a motion to dismiss. Id.

- 3. An answer must address both the merits of all grounds for relief asserted in the petition, and any applicable procedural issues (such as the one-year statute of limitations at 28 U.S.C. § 2244(d), or the exhaustion requirement at 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)-(c)). See Rule 5, 28 foll. § 2254. If Respondent waives or concedes the issue of exhaustion, Respondent shall so state, expressly, in the answer. See Rule 5, id.; 28 U.S.C. § 2254(b)(3). Once an answer has been filed the court will set a deadline for Petitioner's reply.
- 4. Alternatively, Respondent may file a motion to dismiss on grounds other than the merits of Pctitioner's claims, such as failure to exhaust state remedies or untimeliness. If Respondent moves to dismiss, the court will set a deadline for Petitioner's opposition.
- If the court denies a motion to dismiss it will set a deadline for Respondent's further response. The court may issue further orders, as appropriate, at any time.
- 6. If Respondent contends that the petition should properly be brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2241, rather than 28 U.S.C. § 2254, Respondent shall so state in responding to the petition.

Dated: April 7, 2009 23

> CARLA M. WOEHRLE United States Magistrate Judge

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