

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO

Matthew Stephen Hepple v. Attorney General for the State of New Mexico

No. 2:23-cv-00864-MV-KRS · No. No. 2:23-cv-00864-MV-KRS · Decided January 22, 2026

OPINION

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW MEXICO
MATTHEW STEPHEN HEPPLE, Petitioner, v. No. 2:23-cv-00864-MV-KRS ATTORNEY
GENERAL FOR THE STATE OF NEW MEXICO Respondent. ORDER STAYING ANSWER
DEADLINE AND REQUIRING PETITIONER TO SHOW CAUSE This matter is before the
Court on Petitioner Matthew Stephen Hepple’s (“Petitioner”) 28 U.S.C. § 2254 habeas petition
(Doc.

1) (hereinafter “Petition”). Petitioner was a state inmate when he commenced this case and is
proceeding pro se. He challenges his state convictions based on, inter alia, double jeopardy
violations. By an Order entered December 19, 2025, the Court directed Respondent Attorney
General for the State of New Mexico (“AG”) to answer the Petition within sixty days.

See (Doc. 7). Thereafter, one mailing was returned as undeliverable with a notation that
forwarding was unavailable. See (Doc. 7). The Court Clerk searched the Federal Bureau of
Prisons electronic database for “Matthew Stephen Hepple” and obtained zero results. Within thirty
(30) days of entry of this Order, Petitioner must advise the Court of his new address, as required
by N.M.

LR-Civ. 83.6. See *Bradenburg v. Beaman*, 632 F.2d 120, 122 (10th Cir. 1980) (“It is incumbent on
litigants, even those proceeding pro se, to follow the federal rules of procedure.... The same is true
of simple, nonburdensome local rules....”) (citations omitted). Failure to timely cure this
deficiency may result in dismissal of the Petition without further notice.

The Court will also stay the answer deadline until further notice. IT IS ORDERED that within
thirty (30) days of entry of this Order, Petitioner shall notify the Clerk of his new address; IT IS
FURTHER ORDERED that the deadline for the AG to file an answer is STAYED until further
Order by the Court. KEVIN R. SWEAZEA UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE