

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF ARKANSAS
WESTERN DIVISION

THANE T. NEWTON,
ADC #135297

PETITIONER

v.

Case No. 4:11-cv-612-DPM-JTK

DOES
Sex Offender Assessment Committee
(SOAC) and Sex Offender Screening and
Risk Assessment (SOSRA)

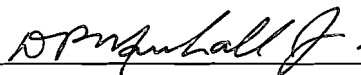
RESPONDENTS

ORDER

Newton, an inmate in the Ouachita River Unit in Malvern, Hot Spring County, Arkansas, has filed a complaint which has been designated as a habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. It appears, however, that Newton filed the same action in the United States District Court for the Western District of Arkansas, Hot Springs Division, on 15 August 2011. That Court granted Newton's *in forma pauperis* application on the same date. *Newton v. Sex Offender Assessment Committee (SOAC) and Sex Offender Screening and Risk Assessment (SOSRA)*, Case No. 6:11-cv-6064-RTD-BAB.

Because Newton is currently incarcerated in Hot Spring County, Arkansas, venue appears proper in the Western District. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). He appears to be properly prosecuting his claim there, transfer is not necessary, and dismissal here seems appropriate. Newton's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*, Document No. 1, is therefore denied and his case is dismissed without prejudice.

So Ordered.



D.P. Marshall Jr.
United States District Judge

9 September 2011