1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 REGINALD LENARD SMITH, Case No. CV 11-10666 DDP (PJWx) Plaintiff, ORDER GRANTING LEAVE TO AMEND AND 12 CONTINUING DATES 13 v. [Dkt. No. 143] COUNTY OF LOS ANGELES; LOS ANGELES COUNTY SHERIFF'S 15 DEPARTMENT; Does 1 through 10, both their personal and official capacities, 16 17 Defendants. 18 19 Plaintiff moves for leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint, 20 21

Plaintiff moves for leave to file a Fourth Amended Complaint primarily to add recently-identified "Doe" Barbara Fryer to the complaint. (Dkt. No. 143.) Ms. Fryer and the other defendants oppose the motion to amend as dilatory and unnecessary, arguing that it would not leave Defendant Fryer enough time to file necessary motions. (Dkt. No. 145.) Nonetheless, in order to ensure that Ms. Fryer is given reasonable notice of the claims against her, the Court GRANTS the motion.

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¹The Fourth Amended Complaint would also delete a claim that was dismissed in a previous order. (See Dkt. No. 136.)

In order to ensure that Ms. Fryer has adequate time to present motions, the Court also GRANTS Defendants' request to continue the last day to file motions to June 29, 2015. Because the motion cutoff date affects preparation for trial, the Court also hereby continues the final pretrial conference to September 21, 2015 at 11:00 a.m., and 4 day jury trial to September 29, 2015 9:00 a.m.

Defendants recently filed a motion "To Dismiss Plaintiff's Third Amended Complaint." (Dkt. No. 147.) However, that motion makes extensive reference to the proposed Fourth Amended Complaint (e.g., in the background section at 2-4). The Court therefore construes the motion as a motion to dismiss the now-operative Fourth Amended Complaint. The motion stands and remains calendared for May 18, 2015, and the standard briefing schedule dictated by the Local Rules remains in effect.

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United States District Judge

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 21, 2015

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