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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RUBEN RODRIGUEZ BERNAL,

Petitioner,

No. 2:12-cv-1297 DAD (HC)

vs.

RON BARNES, Warden,

Respondent.

ORDER

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The application attacks a judgment of conviction entered in the San Fernando Division of the Los Angeles County Superior Court. While both this Court and the United States District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973), any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the resolution of petitioner’s application are more readily available in Los Angeles County. Id. at 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

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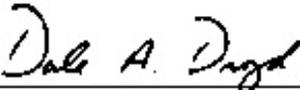
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1 Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

2 1. This court has not ruled on petitioner's application to proceed in forma
3 pauperis; and

4 2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central
5 District of California.

6 DATED: May 22, 2012.

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11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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