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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LEOPOLDO LOPEZ,
Petitioner,
v.
UNKNOWN,
Respondent.

No. 2:18-cv-0478 KJN P

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.¹ Petitioner has not submitted the filing fee or filed a request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The application attacks a conviction issued by 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).

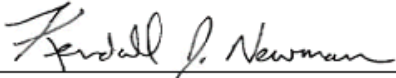
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¹ The petition is addressed to the California Supreme Court. If petitioner intended to file a petition in the California Supreme Court, he must submit his filing directly to the California Supreme Court, 350 McAllister Street, San Francisco, CA 94102.

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Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

Dated: March 19, 2018


KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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