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

MELVIN LEE WILLIAMS,

Petitioner,

No. CIV S-06-1616 MCE KJM P

vs.

PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA, et al.,

Respondents.

ORDER

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. In his application, petitioner challenges a conviction issued by the Tulare County Superior Court. Tulare County is part of the Fresno Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. See Local Rule 3-120(d).

As provided by Local Rule 3-120(f), a civil action that has not been commenced in the proper division of a court may, on the court's own motion, be transferred to the proper division of the court. Therefore, this action will be transferred to the Fresno Division of the court. This court will not rule on petitioner's request to proceed in forma pauperis.

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Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This court has not ruled on petitioner's request to proceed in forma pauperis;

2. This action is transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California sitting in Fresno; and

3. All future filings shall reference the new Fresno case number assigned and shall be filed at:

United States District Court
Eastern District of California
2500 Tulare Street
Fresno, CA 93721

DATED: July 25, 2006.


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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