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

THOMAS GOOLSBY,
Plaintiff,
v.
M. CARRASCO, et al.,
Defendants.

) CASE NO. 1:09-cv-01650 JLT (PC)
) AMENDED PRETRIAL ORDER
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) Deadlines:
) Motions in Limine Filing: 10/24/11
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) Opposition to Motions in Limine:
) 11/7/11
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) Trial Submissions: 10/31/11
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) Jury Trial: 11/21/11, 9 a.m.

Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis with a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Upon consideration of the parties' comments at hearing, the parties' pretrial statements, and the file in this case, the Court issues the following pretrial order.

A. JURISDICTION / VENUE

Plaintiff seeks relief under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court therefore has jurisdiction over this matter pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 1331 and 1343. In addition, Plaintiff's claims arise out of events that occurred at the California Correctional Institute in Tehachapi, California. Accordingly, venue is proper in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California sitting in Fresno. 28 U.S.C. § 1391.

B. JURY TRIAL

Plaintiff included a demand for jury trial in his complaint. Defendants also included a demand

1 for jury trial in their answer. Accordingly, trial will be by jury.

2 **C. UNDISPUTED FACTS**

3 1. Because of his disciplinary history, Plaintiff Thomas Goolsby was transferred from
4 administrative segregation at Richard J. Donovan Correctional Facility (RJD) to the Secured Housing
5 Unit (SHU) at California Correctional Institution (CCI).

6 2. Plaintiff is a Level IV inmate and was housed in the CCI SHU from January 30, 2008,
7 through May 23, 2008.

8 3. From May 23 or 24, 2008 to February 10, 2009, Goolsby was housed in the San Diego
9 County Jail for court appearances unrelated to this lawsuit.

10 4. In total, Goolsby was confined in the SHU at CCI for approximately fifteen and one half
11 months.

12 5. The SHU provides the maximum security for inmates whose conduct endangers the safety
13 of others or the security of the Institution; the SHU is considered a “prison within a prison” where
14 inmates serve time for serious offenses committed while in the custody of the CDCR,

15 6. Due to Goolsby’s custody factors, including but not limited to his disciplinary history,
16 his out-of-cell exercise in the SHU was limited to the Individual Exercise Yard (IEM), which consisted
17 of individualized, isolated exercise cages that were reserved for high risk inmates requiring isolated
18 programming.

19 6. On March 26, 2008, Goolsby filed inmate appeal # CCI-0-08-00817 complaining that he
20 was receiving out-of-cell exercise access only one day a week for two hours. Goolsby’s appeal was
21 denied at the first level of review; prison officials explained that yard time had been curtailed for two
22 reasons: 1) CCI was under institutional lockdown; and 2) the inclement weather.

23 7. On April 29, 2009, Goolsby filed inmate appeal # CCI-09-00757 complaining that he was
24 receiving only two and a half hours of out-of-cell exercise per week. Goolsby’s appeal was denied at the
25 second level of review.

26 8. Under Title 15 section 3335(a) of the California Code of Regulations, when an inmate’s
27 presence in an institution’s general inmate population presents an immediate threat to the safety of the
28 inmate or others, endangers institution security or jeopardizes the integrity of an investigation of alleged

1 serious misconduct or criminal activity, the inmate shall be immediately removed from general
2 population and be placed in administrative segregation.

3 9. CCI SHU is a special purpose housing unit.

4 10. Pursuant to California Code of Regulations, Title 15, section 3343(h), inmates assigned
5 to special purpose segregation housing will be permitted a minimum of one hour per day, five days a
6 week, of exercise outside their rooms or cells unless security and safety considerations preclude such
7 activity.

8 11. In the event that the safety and security of the institution is threatened, programming for
9 inmates, including their out-of-cell exercise, can be limited or suspended, under Title 15 sections 3270,
10 3300, 3301, and 3343(h) of the California Code of Regulations.

11 **D. DISPUTED FACTS**

12 All facts and circumstances, except for those specifically identified in the undisputed facts
13 section above, are in dispute.

14 **E. DISPUTED EVIDENTIARY ISSUES**

15 Although Defendants anticipate that Plaintiff may attempt to offer evidence not permitted by the
16 Rules of Evidence, no specific evidentiary issues are known at this time.

17 **F. SPECIAL FACTUAL INFORMATION**

18 None.

19 **G. RELIEF SOUGHT**

20 In his complaint for damages, Plaintiff sought \$10,000 in compensatory damages and punitive
21 damages. Without explanation, in his pretrial statement, Plaintiff seeks \$50,000 in compensatory
22 damages and \$88,000 in punitive damages. Defendants will seek their costs if they prevail at trial.

23 **H. POINTS OF LAW**

24 1. Liability Under Section 1983

25 Under § 1983, Plaintiff is required to prove that each Defendant (1) acted under color of state
26 law and (2) deprived him of rights secured by the Eighth Amendment of the United States Constitution.
27 Long v. County of Los Angeles, 442 F.3d 1178, 1185 (9th Cir. 2006). A plaintiff must prove that each
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1 Defendant personally participated in the deprivation of his rights. Jones v. Williams, 297 F.3d 930, 934
2 (9th Cir. 2002). There is no *respondeat superior* liability under section 1983, and the Defendant is only
3 liable for his own misconduct. Ashcroft v. Iqbal, 129 S.Ct. 1937, 1948-49 (2009); see Monell v. Dept.
4 of Social Services, 436 U.S. 658, 691-92 (1978).

5 The Eighth Amendment’s prohibition against cruel and unusual punishment protects prisoners
6 from inhumane conditions of confinement. Morgan v. Morgensen, 465 F.3d 1041, 1045 (9th Cir. 2006)
7 (citing Farmer v. Brennan, 511 U.S. 825, 832 (1994)). Prison officials therefore have a constitutional
8 “duty to ensure that prisoners are provided with adequate shelter, food, clothing, sanitation, medical care,
9 and personal safety.” Johnson v. Lewis, 217 F.3d 726, 731 (9th Cir. 2000) (citations omitted); see
10 Kennan v. Hall, 83 F.3d 1083, 1089 (9th Cir. 1996).

11 To establish a violation of this duty, a prisoner must satisfy both an objective and subjective
12 requirement. See Wilson v. Seiter, 501 U.S. 294, 298 (1991). First, a prisoner must demonstrate an
13 objectively serious deprivation, one that amounts to a denial of “the minimal civilized measures of life’s
14 necessities.” Rhodes v. Chapman, 452 U.S. 337, 346 (1981). In determining whether a deprivation is
15 sufficiently serious, “the circumstances, nature, and duration” of the deprivation must be considered.
16 Johnson, 217 F.3d at 731. “The more basic the need, the shorter the time it can be withheld.” Hoptowitz
17 v. Ray, 682 F.2d 1237, 1259 (9th Cir. 1982). Second, a prisoner must demonstrate that prison officials
18 acted with a sufficiently culpable state of mind, one of “deliberate indifference.” Wilson, 501 U.S. at
19 303; Johnson, 217 F.3d at 733. In this regard, a prison official is liable only if he “knows of and
20 disregards an excessive risk to inmate health and safety; the official must both be aware of facts from
21 which the inference could be drawn that a substantial risk of serious harm exists, and he must also draw
22 the inference.” Farmer, 511 U.S. at 837. Nonetheless, “a factfinder may conclude that a prison official
23 knew of a substantial risk from the very fact that the risk was obvious.” Id. at 842.

24 It is well-established that “some form of regular outdoor exercise is extremely important to the
25 psychological and physical well being of . . . inmates.” Spain v. Procnier, 600 F.2d 189, 199 (9th Cir.
26 1979). Thus, complete denials of outdoor exercise for extended periods of time constitute objectively
27 serious deprivations in violation of the Eighth Amendment. See Lopez v. Smith, 203 F.3d 1122, 1132-
28 33 (9th Cir. 2000) (complete denial of outdoor exercise for six and a half weeks satisfies the Eighth

1 Amendment’s objective requirement); Toussaint v. Yockey, 722 F.2d 1490, 1493 (9th Cir. 1984)
2 (complete denial of outdoor exercise for a period of over one year “raised a substantial constitutional
3 question”); Spain, 600 F.2d 189, 199 (complete denial of outdoor exercise for four years constitutes a
4 serious deprivation under the Eighth Amendment).

5 However, with respect to claims challenging the frequency or duration of an inmate’s outdoor
6 access, “the Ninth Circuit has not identified a specific minimum amount of weekly exercise that must
7 be afforded” under the Eighth Amendment. Jayne v. Bosenko, No. 2:08-cv-2767-MSB, 2009 WL
8 4281995, at *8 (E.D. Cal. Nov. 23, 2009) (citation omitted). The Ninth Circuit, like other circuits
9 confronting this issue, has stopped far-short of establishing any specific weekly exercise minimum. See
10 Rodgers v. Jabe, 43 F.3d 1082, 1087 (6th Cir. 1995) (“Although [the Sixth Circuit has] referred to the
11 one hour per day, five days a week mandate in Spain, [the Sixth Circuit has] stopped far short of
12 endorsing that amount, or indeed *any* amount, as a constitutional requirement.”) (emphasis in original).

13 Whether an inmate’s claim regarding the frequency or duration of his outdoor exercise arises to
14 the level of an objectively serious deprivation “depend[s] on the circumstances of each case.” Perkins
15 v. Kansas Dep’t of Corrections, 165, F.3d 803, 810 n.8 (10th Cir. 1999). Indeed, the determination as
16 to whether an inmate was afforded constitutionally sufficient exercise is highly “fact-specific” and
17 requires consideration of a multitude of factors. See Davenport v. De Robertis, 844 F.2d 1310, 1315
18 (7th Cir. 1988). In addition to the frequency and duration of outdoor exercise afforded to the inmate,
19 the court should consider: “(1) the opportunity to be out of the cell; (2) the availability of recreation
20 within the cell; (3) the size of the cell; and (4) the duration of confinement.” Wishon v. Gammon, 978
21 F.2d 446, 449 (8th Cir. 1992) (citations omitted) (forty-five minutes of out-of-cell exercise per week did
22 not violate Eight Amendment where the inmate had thirty minutes a week to shower, opportunities to
23 leave his cell for personal telephone calls, and was allowed to receive visitors). Cf. Allen v. Sakai, 48
24 F.3d 1082, 1088 (9th Cir. 1994) (forty-minutes of outdoor exercise a week was constitutionally
25 insufficient, especially in light of the fact that plaintiff’s confinement in the SHU was “indefinite and
26 therefore potentially long-term”).

27 In Pierce v. County of Orange, 526 F.3d 1190 (9th Cir. 2008), the Ninth Circuit was confronted
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1 with a similar outdoor exercise claim involving pretrial detainees confined in Orange County.¹ The
2 pretrial detainees were confined in their cells for twenty-two hours or more each day, and the average
3 duration of pretrial detention typically lasted anywhere from 110 to 312 days. See id. at 1212. Under
4 these circumstances, the Ninth Circuit held that 90 minutes of weekly outdoor exercise “[did] not give
5 meaningful protection to this basic human necessity” and therefore constituted a violation of the Eighth
6 Amendment. Id. As a remedy, the Ninth Circuit upheld the lower court’s order which required inmates
7 to be permitted exercise “at least twice each week for a total of not less than 2 hours per week[.]” Id.
8 at 1213. The Ninth Circuit found the remedy to be “narrowly drawn” and sufficient under those
9 circumstances to correct the constitutional violation. Id.

10 Plaintiff must also demonstrate that Defendant acted with deliberate indifference. “Showing
11 ‘deliberate indifference’ involves a two-part inquiry.” Thomas v. Ponder, 611 F.3d 1144, 1150 (9th Cir.
12 2010). First, the inmate must show that the prison official was aware of a “substantial risk of serious
13 harm” to the inmate’s health or safety. Id. (citing Farmer, 511 U.S. at 837). Second, the inmate must
14 show that the prison official had no “reasonable” justification for the alleged deprivation. Id.

15 Toward this end, the Ninth Circuit has made clear that “prison officials have a right and a duty
16 to take the necessary steps to reestablish order in a prison when such order is lost.” Norwood v. Vance,
17 591 F.3d 1062, 1069 (9th Cir. 2010) (quoting Hoptowit, 682 F.2d at 1259). When a prison lockdown
18 is initiated in response to a genuine security or safety emergency, prison officials may temporarily curtail
19 inmates’ outdoor exercise access without running afoul of the Eighth Amendment. See Hayward v.
20 Procunier, 629 F.2d 599, 603 (9th Cir. 1980); Spain, 600 F.2d at 199 (regular outdoor exercise must be
21 provided “unless inclement weather, unusual circumstances, or disciplinary needs ma[k]e that
22 impossible”). “Such decisions are not to be judged with the benefit of hindsight . . . but whether prison
23 officials reasonably believed they would be effective in stopping . . . violence.” Norwood, 591 F.3d at
24 1069. Prison officials are to be afforded “wide-ranging deference” regarding these matters. Id. (quoting
25 Bell v. Wolfish, 441 U.S. 520, 547 (1979)).

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27 ¹ Claims by pretrial detainees arise under the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause, not the Eighth
28 Amendment. Bell v. Wolfish, 441 U.S. 520, 535 n.16 (1979). Nonetheless, because the rights of pretrial detainees under
the Fourteenth Amendment are comparable to prisoners’ rights under the Eighth Amendment, the same standards are applied.
Frost v. Agnos, 152 F.3d 1124, 1128 (9th Cir. 1998).

1 2. Punitive Damages

2 Plaintiff has the burden of proving what, if any, punitive damages should be awarded by a
3 preponderance of the evidence. NINTH CIRCUIT MODEL CIVIL JURY INSTRUCTIONS § 5.5 (2009). The
4 jury must find that Defendants’ conduct was “motivated by evil motive or intent, or . . . involves reckless
5 or callous indifference to the federally protected rights of others.” Smith v. Wade, 461 U.S. 30, 56
6 (1986); Larez v. Holcomb, 16 F.3d 1513, 1518 (9th Cir. 1994).

7 3. Qualified Immunity

8 Qualified immunity protects government officials from “liability for civil damages insofar as
9 their conduct does not violate clearly established statutory or constitutional rights of which a reasonable
10 person would have known.” Harlow v. Fitzgerald, 457 U.S. 800, 818 (1982). The doctrine of qualified
11 immunity “balances two important interests – the need to hold public officials accountable when they
12 exercise power irresponsibly and the need to shield officials from harassment, distraction, and liability
13 when they perform their duties reasonably.” Pearson v. Callahan, 555 U.S. 223, 129 S. Ct. 808, 815
14 (2009).

15 Determining whether an official is entitled to qualified immunity requires a two-part analysis.
16 Saucier v. Katz, 533 U.S. 194, 201 (2001). First, a court must decide whether the facts alleged, when
17 taken in the light most favorable to the plaintiff, show that the official’s conduct violated a statutory or
18 constitutional right. Id. Second, the court must determine whether the statutory or constitutional right
19 was “clearly established.” Id. A right is “clearly established” in the context of qualified immunity if “it
20 would be clear to a reasonable [official] that his conduct was unlawful in the situation he confronted’
21 . . . or whether the state of the law [at the time of the violation] gave ‘fair warning’ to the official[] that
22 [his] conduct was unconstitutional.” Clement, 298 F.3d at 906 (quoting Saucier, 533 U.S. at 202).

23 Although it is often beneficial to address the two-party inquiry in the sequence outlined above,
24 it is not mandatory. Pearson, 129 S. Ct. at 818. A court has “discretion in deciding which of the two
25 prongs of the qualified immunity analysis should be addressed first.” Id. A court may grant qualified
26 immunity and dismiss a plaintiff’s claims at any point the court answers either prong in the negative.
27 See, e.g., Tibbetts v. Kulongoski, 567 F.3d 529, 536-39 (9th Cir. 2009) (bypassing the first prong and
28 granting the defendants qualified immunity because the plaintiff’s due process claim was not a clearly

1 established right at the time of the alleged violation).

2 4. Eleventh Amendment Immunity

3 In the absence of consent, the Eleventh Amendment prohibits suits in which the State or one of
4 its agencies or departments in named as a defendant. Pennhurst State School & Hosp. V. Halderman,
5 465 U.S. 89, 101 (1984); Edelman v. Jordan, 415 U.S. 651, 662-63 (1974). State officials sued in their
6 official capacity are not persons for purposes of § 1983 liability. Rather a suit against the official in his
7 or her official capacity is a suit against the State itself. Will v. Michigan Department of State Police, 491
8 U.S. 58, 71 (1989).

9 **I. ABANDONED ISSUES**

10 None.

11 **J. WITNESSES**

12 The following is a list of witnesses that the parties expect to call at trial, including rebuttal and
13 impeachment witnesses. NO WITNESS, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY
14 BE CALLED AT TRIAL UNLESS THE PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING THAT THIS
15 ORDER SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PREVENT “MANIFEST INJUSTICE.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e);
16 Local Rule 281(b)(10).

17 Plaintiff anticipates calling the following witnesses at trial:

- 18 1. Defendant Fernando Gonzales
- 19 2. Dr. John Ponder^{2, 3}
- 20 3. Kevin Hunt (K-83503)
- 21 4. Ryan Earle (P-75405)
- 22 5. James Allen (G-09835)

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24 ²In his “Motion for Attendance of Unincarcerated Witnesses,” filed the same day as his amended pretrial statement,
25 Plaintiff indicated that he did not intend to subpoena Dr. Ponder because he could not afford the witness fees. Then, in his
26 amended pretrial statement, he indicates that Dr. Ponder has waived his fees.

27 ³Plaintiff indicates in his pretrial statement that Dr. Ponder has waived his fees. However, **as the Court indicated**
28 **in its August 2, 2011 order (Doc. 63 at 1-2)**, if Plaintiff seeks a subpoena to be issued to Dr. Ponder, he **must** comply with
the requirements of the Second Scheduling Order and **must** provide a money order, payable to Dr. Ponder for the full amount
of the witness fees and travel expenses, which the Court estimates is \$199.61. Dr. Ponder may choose to refuse this payment
when he is served. The Court will not order Dr. Ponder served unless this amount is submitted.

Alternatively, Plaintiff may secure Dr. Ponder’s voluntary attendance at trial without subpoena. Plaintiff is advised
to refer to the Court’s “Second Scheduling Order.”

- 1 6. David Baumgartel (P-46291)
- 2 7. Pete Jaurigue (K-71887)
- 3 8. J. Gomez (J-40289)
- 4 9. Anthony Gonzales (H-93467)
- 5 10. Ralph Sierra (C-57969)
- 6 11. Manuel Castanon (T-15633)
- 7 12. Arellano Everardo (K-85051)
- 8 13. Michael Blondino (V-93559)
- 9 14. Charles Sherwin (V-15055)
- 10 15. Lee Simpson (F-46364)
- 11 16. Tyler Farmer (J-87659)

12 Defendant anticipates calling the following witnesses at trial:

- 13 a. Fernando Gonzalez
- 14 b. John Bartelmie
- 15 c. T. Steadman
- 16 d. Custodian of Goolsby's central file
- 17 e. Custodian of Goolsby's medical records
- 18 f. Dr. Felix Ibinosa

19 The parties stipulated on the record that Plaintiff's central file and medical records held by the CDCR
20 may be introduced by either party, without testimony by a custodian of records.

21 **K. EXHIBITS**

22 The following is a list of documents or other exhibits that the parties expect to offer at trial. NO
23 EXHIBIT, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY BE ADMITTED UNLESS THE
24 PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING THAT THIS ORDER SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO
25 PREVENT "MANIFEST INJUSTICE." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e); Local Rule 281(b)(11).

26 Plaintiff anticipates offering the following exhibits at trial:

- 27 1. Drawing of an (IEM) cage
- 28 2. Plaintiff's Central File

- 1 3. Declaration from each Incarcerated Inmate
- 2 4. Plaintiff's Inmate Appeal dated March 26, 2008
- 3 5. Plaintiff's Inmate Appeal dated April 29, 2009
- 4 6. Regulation requiring Ape's to be given a minimum of 100 sq feet of space for every 100
- 5 lbs it weighs
- 6 7. California Code of Regulations, Title 15
- 7 8. CDCR Logbooks
- 8 9. Plaintiff's personal yard logs
- 9 10. Declaration of Associate Warden M. Bryant
- 10 11. Yard schedule

11 Defendant anticipates offering the following exhibits at trial:

- 12 a. Abstracts of judgment for felony convictions of Goolsby.
- 13 b. CDCR Chronological History of Goolsby.
- 14 c. Incident reports, program status reports from CCI and documents relating to modified
- 15 programming for the relevant time period.
- 16 d. Disciplinary documents pertaining to Goolsby, including Rules Violation Reports, Crime
- 17 Incident Reports, and related documentation.
- 18 e. Goolsby's classification documents and related documents regarding housing
- 19 assignments and programming, including CDCR 128g classification chronos.
- 20 f. Daily activity documentation for the relevant time period, including CDCR 114a Inmate
- 21 Segregation records for Goolsby and pertinent logbook entries.
- 22 g. Goolsby's medical records pertaining to injury claims from June 2007 to present.

23 On or before **October 3, 2011**, each party shall provide the other with a copy of any exhibit not
24 previously produced during discovery. In addition, the original and four copies of all trial exhibits, along
25 with exhibit lists, shall be submitted to the Courtroom Deputy no later than **October 31, 2012**.⁴
26 Plaintiff's exhibits shall be pre-marked with the prefix "PX" and numbered sequentially beginning with

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28 ⁴ Original for the Courtroom Deputy, one copy for the Court, one copy for the court reporter, one copy for the witness stand and one to retain for themselves.

1 1 (e.g., PX-1, PX-2, etc.). Defendants' exhibits shall be pre-marked with the prefix "DX" and lettered
2 sequentially beginning with 500 (e.g., DX-500, DX-501, etc.).

3 The parties SHALL number each page of any exhibit exceeding one page in length.

4 **L. DISCOVERY DOCUMENTS**

5 The following is a list of discovery documents – portions of depositions, answers to
6 interrogatories, and responses to requests for admissions – that the parties expect to offer at trial. NO
7 DISCOVERY DOCUMENT, OTHER THAN THOSE LISTED IN THIS SECTION, MAY BE
8 ADMITTED UNLESS THE PARTIES STIPULATE OR UPON A SHOWING THAT THIS ORDER
9 SHOULD BE MODIFIED TO PREVENT "MANIFEST INJUSTICE." Fed. R. Civ. P. 16(e); Local
10 Rule 281(b)(12).

11 Plaintiff anticipates offering the following discovery documents at trial:

- 12 1. Defendant's Interrogatory responses
- 13 2. Defendant's production of documents responses

14 Defendant does not anticipate offering any discovery documents at trial.

15 **M. FURTHER DISCOVERY AND MOTIONS**

16 Discovery closed in this action on November 16, 2009.

17 Ms. Ramsey alerted the Court that if the matter does not settle, it will be reassigned to a new
18 Deputy Attorney General. In that event, it is likely the newly assigned attorney will seek a continuance
19 of the trial for no more than 30 days. If such a motion will be made, it SHALL be made as soon as
20 practicable and should seek a continuance for no more time than absolutely necessary.

21 Any party may file motions in limine. The purpose of a motion in limine is to establish in
22 advance of the trial that certain evidence should not be offered at trial. Although the Federal Rules do
23 not explicitly provide for the filing of motions in limine, the court has the inherent power to hear and
24 decide such motions as a function of its duty to expeditiously manage trials by eliminating evidence that
25 is clearly inadmissible for any purpose. Luce v. United States, 469 U.S. 38, 41 n.4 (1984); Jonasson v.
26 Lutheran Child and Family Services, 115 F. 3d 436, 440 (7th Cir. 1997). The court will grant a motion
27 in limine, and thereby bar use of the evidence in question, only if the moving party establishes that the
28 evidence clearly is not admissible for any valid purpose. Id.

1 All motions in limine must be served on the other party, and filed with the Court, by **October**
2 **24, 2011**. The motion must clearly identify the nature of the evidence that the moving party seeks to
3 prohibit the other side from offering at trial. Any opposition to the motion must be served on the other
4 party, and filed with the Court, by **November 7, 2011**. The Court will decide all motions in limine upon
5 the written submissions. The parties are reminded that they may still object to the introduction of
6 evidence during trial.

7 **N. STIPULATIONS**

8 The parties have not agreed upon any stipulations at this time.

9 **O. AMENDMENTS / DISMISSALS**

10 None at this time

11 **P. SETTLEMENT NEGOTIATIONS**

12 The parties will undergo a mediation with Magistrate Judge Kellison on November 3, 2011.

13 **Q. AGREED STATEMENTS**

14 None.

15 **R. SEPARATE TRIAL OF ISSUES**

16 As is this Court's standard practice, the Court will bifurcate the issue of punitive damages. If
17 the jury finds that the Defendant is liable for punitive damages, the Court will conduct a second phase
18 of trial on the amount of punitive damages.

19 **S. EXPERTS**

20 The Court finds it unnecessary to appoint an impartial expert witness or limit the number of
21 expert witnesses in this case.

22 **T. ATTORNEY'S FEES**

23 Plaintiff is proceeding pro se and has not incurred any attorney's fees. Defendants anticipate
24 seeking attorney's fees if they prevails.

25 **U. TRIAL DATE / ESTIMATED LENGTH OF TRIAL**

26 Jury trial is set for **November 21, 2012, at 9:00 a.m.** before the Honorable Jennifer L. Thurston
27 in Courtroom 6, 7th Floor, United States Courthouse, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California. Trial is
28 expected to last no longer than two days.

1 **V. TRIAL PREPARATION AND SUBMISSIONS**

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3 1. Trial Briefs

4 The parties are relieved of their obligation under Local Rule 285 to file trial briefs. If any party
5 wishes to file a trial brief, they must do so in accordance with Local Rule 285 and be filed on or before
6 **October 31, 2011.**

7 2. Jury Voir Dire

8 The parties are required to file their proposed voir dire questions, in accordance with Local Rule
9 162.1, on or before **October 31, 2011.**

10 3. Statement of the Case

11 The parties may serve and file a non-argumentative, brief statement of the case which is suitable
12 for reading to the jury at the outset of jury selection on or before **October 31, 2011.** The Court will
13 consider the parties' statements but, as necessary, will draft its own statement. The parties will be
14 provided with the opportunity to review the Court's prepared statement on the morning of trial.

15 4. Jury Instructions

16 Defendants shall file proposed jury instructions as provided in Local Rule 163 on or before
17 **October 31, 2011.** If Plaintiff also wishes to file proposed jury instructions or object to those proposed
18 by Defendants, he must do so on or before **November 7, 2011.**

19 In selecting proposed instructions, the parties shall use Ninth Circuit Model Civil Jury
20 Instructions to the extent possible. All jury instructions must be submitted in duplicate: One set will
21 indicate which party proposes the instruction, with each instruction numbered or lettered, and containing
22 citation of supporting authority, and the customary legend, i.e., "Given, Given as Modified, or Refused,"
23 showing the Court's action, with regard to each instruction. One set will be an exact duplicate of the
24 first, except it will not contain any identification of the party offering the instruction or supporting
25 authority or the customary legend of the Court's disposition. Defendants shall provide the Court with
26 a copy of their proposed jury instructions via e-mail at jltorders@caed.uscourts.gov. If Plaintiff elects
27 to file any proposed jury instructions, he may file those, as normal, under this case number with the
28 Clerk of the Court.

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5. Verdict Form

Defendants shall file a proposed verdict form as provided in Local Rule 163 on or before **October 31, 2011**. If Plaintiff also wishes to file a proposed verdict form or object to the one filed by Defendants, he must do so on or before **November 7, 2011**.

W. OBJECTIONS TO PRETRIAL ORDER

Any party may, within ten (10) days after the date of service of this order, file and serve written objections to any of the provisions set forth in this order. Such objections shall clearly specify the requested modifications, corrections, additions or deletions.

X. COMPLIANCE

Strict compliance with this order and its requirements is mandatory. All parties and their counsel are subject to sanctions, including dismissal or entry of default, for failure to fully comply with this order and its requirements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: September 27, 2011

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE