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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOSEPH BO LEWIS,

1:11-cv-01376-SMS (HC)

Petitioner,

ORDER OF TRANSFER

v.

ANTHONY HEDGPETH,

Respondent.

Petitioner is proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254.

Petitioner filed the instant petition for writ of habeas corpus on August 18, 2011. Petitioner challenges a 1998 conviction in the Sacramento County Superior Court.

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

In this case, Petitioner challenges the validity of his conviction. The proper venue for challenging the validity of his sentence is the district court containing the sentencing court, while the proper venue to challenge the execution of his sentence is the district court containing the

1 prison in which Petitioner is incarcerated.

2 This petition should be heard by the district court containing the sentencing court. Under
3 28 U.S.C. section 2254, this Court does not have jurisdiction to hear claims relating to the
4 sentencing court where Petitioner was not sentenced in this district. See 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d);
5 Local Rule 191(g). Additionally, the resolution of Petitioner's claims involving the sentencing
6 court may render his remaining claims moot.

7 Petitioner is challenging a conviction from Sacramento County, which is in the
8 Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California. Therefore, the petition should have
9 been filed in the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Sacramento
10 Division. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a case filed in the wrong district to
11 the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C.
12 Cir.1974).

13 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
14 States District Court for the Eastern District of California, Sacramento Division.

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16 IT IS SO ORDERED.

17 **Dated:** August 24, 2011

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE