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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MICHAEL HALTOM,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
MICHAEL ASTRUE,  
Commissioner of Social Security,  
Defendant.

CASE NO. 1:11-cv-01439-LJO-SMS  
  
ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE  
TO THE SACRAMENTO DIVISION  
OF THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF  
CALIFORNIA

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On September 28, 2011, Plaintiff Michael Haltom filed a complaint seeking review of the Commissioner's decision to deny his application for Social Security disability benefits. On the date of filing, Plaintiff resided in Thornton, San Joaquin County, California. Doc. 18-1. Plaintiff's residence has not changed since the filing date. *Id.*

Federal law is clear on the issue of venue: the plaintiff must file suit in the judicial district in which he or she resides or a has a principal place of business. 42 U.S.C. § 405(g). If the plaintiff files in the wrong district, the Court may transfer venue to the proper district. *Id.* In this case, although Plaintiff properly filed his complaint in the Eastern District of California, she improperly filed it in the Fresno Division rather than the Sacramento Division where it was properly venued.

Good cause appearing, the Court ORDERS this case TRANSFERRED to the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

**Dated: February 2, 2013**

/s/ Sandra M. Snyder  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE