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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	LEONARD RANSOM, JR.,	Case No. 1:11-cv-01709-LJO-EPG (PC)
12	Plaintiff,	ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS' MOTION TO MODIFY SCHEDULING ORDER
13	V.	(ECF NO. 240)
14	DANNY HERRERA and RICKY BRANNUM,	
15	Defendants.	
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18	Leonard Ransom, Jr. ("Plaintiff"), is a state prisoner proceeding <i>pro se</i> in this civil rights	
19	action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.	
20	On May 28, 2019, Defendants filed a motion to modify the scheduling order. (ECF No.	
21	240). Defendants "request that the Court modify the current dates set forth in the Second	
22	Scheduling Order and continue the trial date to the week of October 21, 2019." ( <u>Id.</u> at 2-3).	
23	Defendants ask that the trial be continued because defense counsel Annakarina De La Torre-	
24	Fennell "has been assigned to a Supervising Deputy Attorney General who is unfamiliar with this	
25	case and unavailable for the currently set trial date," and she is "required to prepare for and	
26	proceed to trial with the assigned Supervising Deputy Attorney General in this matter." (Id. at 2).	
27	Defendants' motion will be denied. Staffing issues of this nature do not constitute good	
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cause. The Court will not continue the trial because the Office of the Attorney General assigned a supervisor who is unavailable for the trial date. Additionally, the presiding judge has very limited availability and cannot accommodate such requests due to his other case obligations. Accordingly, IT IS ORDERED that Defendants' motion to modify the scheduling order is DENIED. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: **May 31, 2019**