

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

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4 **KIRELL F. TAYLOR, et al.,**

5                                   **Plaintiffs**

6                                   **v.**

7 **THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF**  
8 **ALABAMA, et al.,**

9                                   **Defendants**

**CASE NO. 1:11-CV-1847 AWI DLB**

**ORDER UNSEALING CASE**

10                   This case was filed as a qui tam action by Plaintiff on behalf the United States under to the  
11 False Claims Act (31 U.S.C. § 3729 et seq), alleging underpayment of federal income taxes by  
12 individual taxpayers. Doc. 1. Pursuant to 31 U.S.C. § 3730(b)(2), the complaint was filed under  
13 seal. Plaintiff was seeking to proceed in forma pauperis. In reviewing the application, the court  
14 determined that there was no subject matter jurisdiction. Docs. 8 and 10. The United States did  
15 not take part in this case. There is no reason for the records in this case to remain sealed. See  
16 United States ex rel. Lee v. Horizon West, Inc., 2006 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 97310, \*6 (N.D. Cal. Feb.  
17 6, 2006) (“other courts faced with this issue have considered lifting the seal on the entire record to  
18 be appropriate unless the Government shows that such disclosure would: (1) reveal confidential  
19 investigative methods or techniques; (2) jeopardize an ongoing investigation; or (3) harm non-  
20 parties”); cf. United States v. Creekside Hospice II, LLC, 2015 U.S. Dist. LEXIS 173556, \*11 (D.  
21 Nev. 2015) (“courts routinely unseal the dockets of qui tam actions once litigation is under way.  
22 There is a strong presumption in favor of public access to judicial proceeding”).

23                   The Clerk of the Court is directed to UNSEAL all documents in this case. The case  
24 remains closed.

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26 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

27 Dated: January 14, 2016

  
28 **SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE**