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

NICOLAS H. GONZALEZ,
Petitioner,
vs.
KEN CLARK, Warden,
Respondent.

1:11-cv-01871 MJS (HC)
ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

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).

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1 However, venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the
2 district of conviction. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). The district court for the district wherein such an
3 application is filed in the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice may transfer the
4 application to the other district court for hearing and determination. Id.

5 It is preferable for petitions challenging a conviction or sentence to be heard in the
6 district of conviction while petitions challenging the manner in which the sentence is being
7 executed be heard in the district of confinement. Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d 244, 249 (9th
8 Cir. 1989). In this case, Petitioner is challenging the judgment relating to his conviction which
9 occurred in San Mateo County, California. As San Mateo County is located in the Northern
10 District of California, all of the material events, records, and witnesses are located in that
11 district. In the interest of justice, the petition will be transferred to the United States District
12 Court for the Northern District of California. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404(a) and 2241(d).

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

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 17, 2011

/s/ Michael J. Seng
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE