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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

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EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10   AHKEEM WILLIAMS,   Case No. 1:12-cv-00606-SKO (PC)

11   Plaintiff,   ORDER ADDRESSING LETTER

12   v.   (Doc. 118)

13   KIM PEDRIERO, et al.,

14   Defendants.

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16   This case was dismissed, with prejudice, on October 17, 2014, and Plaintiff Akheem

17   Williams' motion for reconsideration was denied, with prejudice, on October 27, 2014.   On

18   January 26, 2015, the Clerk's Office received a letter from Plaintiff regarding the status of his

19   notice of appeal. The Clerk's Office was directed to file the letter so that the Court could address

20   Plaintiff's inquiry regarding his appeal.

21   At no time has the Court received a notice of appeal to the United States Court of Appeals

22   for the Ninth Circuit from Plaintiff.

23   A letter sent by Plaintiff to a judge in the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of

24   California was forwarded to the Fresno Division Clerk's Office and brought to the Court's

25   attention. In as much as that letter was addressed directly to a Sacramento Division judge and it

26   requested he review the decisions made in this case, the letter was returned to Plaintiff by the

27   Clerk's Office. To the extent that Plaintiff's accusation regarding mail tampering, presumably

28   directed at Kings County Jail staff, refers to this letter, the letter was an attempt to communicate *ex*

parte with a judge in the Sacramento Division. *Ex parte* letters to judges are wholly improper, and such letters are rejected and returned to the litigant. Under no circumstance is any redress available to Plaintiff from a judge in the Sacramento Division nor does an improper *ex parte* letter to a judge in Sacramento constitute a notice of appeal to the Ninth Circuit.

Accordingly, by this order, Plaintiff's letter is DEEMED ADDRESSED in its entirety.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **January 30, 2015**   **/s/ Sheila K. Oberto**
                                                       UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE