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

ABEL VALENCIA,)	Case No.: 1:12-cv-01446-AWI-SAB (PC)
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Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S
v.)	RESPONSE TO DEFENDANTS' ANSWER
)	TO COMPLAINT
CONNIE GIPSON, et al.,)	
)	[ECF No. 44]
Defendants.)	
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Plaintiff Abel Valencia is appearing pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

This action is proceeding against Defendant D.J. Ruiz for retaliation, and against Defendants D.J. Ruiz, A. Mayo, J.C. Garcia, J.C. Smith, S. Johnson, and an unknown IGI officer for a due process violation.

On September 10, 2014, Defendants filed an answer to the complaint. On August 6, 2014, Plaintiff filed a response to Defendants' answer.

Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides as follows:

There shall be a complaint and an answer; a reply to a counterclaim denominated as such; an answer to a cross-claim, if the answer contains a cross-claim; a third-party complaint, if a person who was not an original party is summoned under the provisions of Rule 14; and a third-party answer, if a third-party complaint is served. No other pleading shall be allowed, except that the court may order a reply to an answer or a third-party answer.

1 Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a). Because the Court did not order Plaintiff to reply to answer, Plaintiff's response
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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: October 14, 2014


UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE