## 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 Case No.: 1:13-cv-00357 - AWI - JLT 10 DARNELL T. HINES, ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE WHY DEFENDANTS 11 Plaintiff, LYNN CARMICHAEL AND BARBARA NEWKIRK 12 v. SHOULD NOT BE DISMISSED FOR PLAINTIFF'S FAILURE TO PROSECUTE AND OBEY THE ASHRAFE E. YOUSEFF, et al., 13 COURT'S ORDER 14 Defendants. 15 Darnell Hines ("Plaintiff") initiated this action against Defendants Ashrafe Youseff, Joshua 16 Garza, Godwin Ugueze, Lynn Carmichael, and Barbara Newkirk on March 12, 2013. (Doc.1.) The 17 Court issued summons for the defendants on March 13, 2013. (Doc. 5.) Plaintiff filed proofs of service 18 as to Ashrafe Youseff, Joshua Garza, and Godwin Ugueze (Docs. 6-8), but to date has not filed proof of 19 20 service for defendants Lynn Carmichael and Barbara Newkirk. 21 On March 13, 2013, the Court issued its "Order Setting Mandatory Scheduling Conference," which set forth obligations for the parties. (Doc. 4.) The Order informed Plaintiff that he was to 22 "diligently pursue service of summons and complaint and dismiss those defendants against whom 23 plaintiff(s) will not pursue claims." (*Id.* at 1.) Also, Plaintiff was informed that he must "promptly 24 file proofs of service of the summons and complaint so the Court has a record of service." (*Id.* at 1-2.) 25 The Court cautioned that if Plaintiff failed to comply with the Court's order and Rule 4 of the Federal 26 Rules of Civil Procedure, the Court may impose sanctions "including the dismissal of unserved 27

defendants." (Id. at 2.)

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The Local Rules, corresponding with Fed. R. Civ. P. 11, provide: "Failure of counsel or of a party to comply with . . . any order of the Court may be grounds for the imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions . . . within the inherent power of the Court." LR 110. "District courts have inherent power to control their dockets," and in exercising that power, a court may impose sanctions including dismissal of an action. *Thompson v. Housing Authority of Los Angeles*, 782 F.2d 829, 831 (9th Cir. 1986). A court may dismiss claims with prejudice, based on a party's failure to prosecute an action or failure to obey a court order, or failure to comply with local rules. *See, e.g., Malone v. U.S. Postal Service*, 833 F.2d 128, 130 (9th Cir. 1987) (dismissal for failure to comply with a court order); *Henderson v. Duncan*, 779 F.2d 1421, 1424 (9th Cir. 1986) (dismissal for failure to prosecute and to comply with local rules).

Accordingly, Plaintiff is **ORDERED** to show cause within fourteen days of the date of service of this Order why defendants Lynn Carmichael and Barbara Newkirk should not be dismissed for his failure to prosecute his claims and his failure to obey the Court's Order.

II IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: January 14, 2014 /s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE