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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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10 JESSE GEHRKE,

11 Plaintiff,

12 vs.

13 MATTHEW CATE, et al.,

14 Defendants.

1:13-cv-00637-AWI-GSA-PC

ORDER GRANTING MOTION TO  
DISMISS PURSUANT TO RULE 41  
(Doc. 5.)

ORDER DISMISSING ACTION IN ITS  
ENTIRETY WITHOUT PREJUDICE

ORDER DIRECTING CLERK TO CLOSE  
FILE

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17 Jesse Gehrke ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se in this civil rights action  
18 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On January 24, 2013, Thomas Goolsby and four co-plaintiffs  
19 including Jesse Gehrke, filed a Complaint commencing a civil rights action, case 1:13-cv-  
20 00119-GSA-PC, Goolsby v. Cate. (See Doc. 1.) On May 2, 2013, the court severed the  
21 plaintiffs' claims and opened four new cases, one for each of the four co-plaintiffs. (Doc. 2.)  
22 Plaintiff Jesse Gehrke is now the sole plaintiff in this action.

23 On June 13, 2013, Plaintiff filed a motion to dismiss this action under Rule 41(a)(1).  
24 (Doc. 5.) The Court construes the motion as a notice of voluntary dismissal.

25 In Wilson v. City of San Jose, the Ninth Circuit explained:

26 Under Rule 41(a)(1), a plaintiff has an absolute right to voluntarily  
27 dismiss his action prior to service by the defendant of an answer or a motion for  
28 summary judgment. Concha v. London, 62 F.3d 1493, 1506 (9th Cir. 1995)  
(citing Hamilton v. Shearson-Lehman American Express, 813 F.2d 1532, 1534

1 (9th Cir. 1987)). A plaintiff may dismiss his action so long as the plaintiff files  
2 a notice of dismissal prior to the defendant's service of an answer or motion for  
3 summary judgment. The dismissal is effective on filing and no court order is  
4 required. Id. The plaintiff may dismiss some or all of the defendants, or some  
5 or all of his claims, through a Rule 41(a)(1) notice. Id.; Pedrina v. Chun, 987  
6 F.2d 608, 609-10 (9th Cir. 1993). The filing of a notice of voluntary dismissal  
7 with the court automatically terminates the action as to the defendants who are  
8 the subjects of the notice. Concha, 62 F.2d at 1506. Unless otherwise stated,  
9 the dismissal is ordinarily without prejudice to the plaintiff's right to commence  
10 another action for the same cause against the same defendants. Id. (citing  
11 McKenzie v. Davenport-Harris Funeral Home, 834 F.2d 930, 934-35 (9th Cir.  
12 1987)). Such a dismissal leaves the parties as though no action had been  
13 brought. Id.

14 Wilson v. City of San Jose, 111 F.3d 688, 692 (9th Cir. 1997). No defendant has filed an  
15 answer or motion for summary judgment in this action. Therefore, this case has automatically  
16 terminated.

17 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 18 1. Plaintiff's motion to dismiss (Doc. No. 5) is construed as a notice of voluntary  
19 dismissal;
- 20 2. This action is DISMISSED in its entirety without prejudice; and
- 21 3. The Clerk of the Court is DIRECTED to close the file in this case and adjust the  
22 docket to reflect voluntary dismissal of this action pursuant to Rule 41(a).

23 IT IS SO ORDERED.

24 Dated: June 19, 2013

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27 SENIOR DISTRICT JUDGE  
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