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

MELVIN THOMAS,

Plaintiff,

v.

MARLENE SMITH, et al.,

Defendants.

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Case No. 1:14-cv-02002 AWI DLB PC  
New Case No. 1:14-cv-2002 LJO GSA PC

ORDER RELATING CASES AND  
REASSIGNING ACTION TO DISTRICT  
JUDGE LAWRENCE J. O'NEILL AND  
MAGISTRATE JUDGE GARY S. AUSTIN

Plaintiff Larry William Cortinas is a California state prisoner proceeding pro se in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On December 16, 2014, the action was removed to this Court from state court. (ECF 1.)

The Court's review of this action reveals that it is related under Local Rule 123 to the action entitled Sands v. Smith, 1:14-cv-01780-LJO-GSA. These actions are based on the same underlying facts and involve overlapping questions of law and fact.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. The Office of the Clerk shall relate this case with case 1:14-cv-01780-LJO-GSA;
2. This case shall be reassigned to the docket of District Judge Lawrence J. O'Neill and the docket of Magistrate Judge Gary S. Austin;
3. The new case number shall be:

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and all future pleadings and/or correspondence must be so numbered. Use of an incorrect case number or incorrect judge's initials may result in delay in processing documents and distribution of copies to the judge assigned.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: March 20, 2015

/s/ Dennis L. Beck  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE