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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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10 MELVIN THOMAS,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 MARLENE SMITH, et al.,

14 Defendants.
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1:14-cv-02002-LJO-EPG (PC)

ORDER TO FACILITATE
TELEPHONE CALL

16 Plaintiff, Melvin Thomas, is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* in a civil rights action
17 pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. A settlement conference has been set in this case for September
18 29, 2016 before Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe. (ECF No. 22.) In order to adequately
19 prepare for a productive settlement conference, the court will order the Warden and the
20 correctional staff at Valley State Prison (VSP) to facilitate a telephone call between the settlement
21 judge and inmate Melvin Thomas (V-35835).

22 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 23 1. The Warden, Litigation Coordinator, and other correctional staff as needed at VSP,
24 shall facilitate a telephone call between Melvin Thomas and the settlement judge,
25 Magistrate Judge Barbara A. McAuliffe.
26 2. The telephone call shall be placed on **Friday, September 23, 2016**, to begin at **11:15**
27 **a.m.** Correctional staff shall initiate the phone call. The number to be dialed can be
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1 obtained in advance by contacting Harriet Herman, courtroom deputy for Magistrate
2 Judge McAuliffe, at (559) 499-5788.

3 3. Failure to comply with this order may result in an order requiring the Warden of VSP,
4 or others responsible for the failure to comply, to appear before the court to show
5 cause why sanctions should not be imposed against them.

6 4. The Clerk of the Court is ordered to serve this order by facsimile (559) 665-8919 and
7 email on the Warden and Litigation Coordinator at VSP.

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9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 Dated: September 15, 2016

/s/ *Barbara A. McAuliffe*
11 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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