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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT				
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA				
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11	MANUEL ANTONIO GONZALEZ,	No. 1:15-cv-01098-DAD-EPG (PC)			
12	Plaintiff,	ORDER ADOPTING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS AND DENYING			
13	v.	EVIDENCE TO UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW			
14	J. RAZO, et al.,	(Doc. Nos. 166, 169)			
15	Defendants.	(Doc. 1108, 100, 109)			
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18	PLAINTIFF'S MOTION TO ENFORCE THE SETTLEMENT AGREEMENT				
19	Manuel Antonio Gonzalez is a state prisoner proceeding pro se ¹ and in forma pauperis in				
20	this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The matter was referred to a United				
21	States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302.				
22	This case was closed on January 30, 2019 (Doc. No. 145) following a stipulation for				
23	voluntary dismissal with prejudice that was signed by counsel for both parties and filed with the				
24	court on January 29, 2019. (Doc. No. 144). On February 21, 2019, plaintiff filed a <i>pro se</i> motion				
25	seeking to enforce the parties' settlement agree	eement, the full payment to attorney, and/or to allow			
26	While plaintiff's most recent motions have	been filed are so the court again notes that			
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28	filed a notice of appearance indicating that he wishes to represent himself in this action in place of his counsel of record. (Doc. No. 162 at 2 n.1.)				
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plaintiff to withdraw settlement and proceed with trial. (Doc. No. 149.) On September 25, 2019,
this motion was denied because plaintiff had not established extraordinary circumstances
justifying relief from the court's order closing the case pursuant to the parties' stipulation of
voluntary dismissal given defendant's compliance with the settlement agreement and the absence
of any showing by plaintiff that his consent to the settlement agreement was obtained through
duress, menace, fraud, or undue influence. (Doc. Nos. 161, 162.)

7 On March 29, 2021, plaintiff filed another *pro se* motion to enforce the settlement 8 agreement asserting that the restitution amount he owed was decreased by \$2,500 on August 6, 9 2020 but that this money, which had been deducted from the settlement proceeds, was not 10 refunded to him by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation ("CDCR"). 11 (Doc. No. 165.) On April 1, 2021, the assigned magistrate judge issued findings and 12 recommendations, recommending that plaintiff's pro se motion to enforce the settlement 13 agreement be denied because the amount of restitution owed was by plaintiff was not reduced 14 until after "the settlement payment was made, the correct amount was deducted from the 15 settlement payment, and Defendants met their obligations under the settlement agreement" 16 (Doc. No. 166 at 2.) Those findings and recommendations further stated that there was no 17 evidence that defendants in this case breached the settlement agreement in this action in any way 18 or would have been responsible for issuing a refund of the restitution amount paid after the later reduction in the amount of restitution owed by plaintiff.² (*Id.*) The findings and 19 20 recommendations were served on the parties and contained notice that any objections thereto 21 where to be filed within fourteen days after service. (*Id.* at 3.) On April 5, 2021, defendants 22 timely filed a response to the findings and recommendations. (Doc. No. 167.) On April 14, 2021, 23 plaintiff filed objections to the findings and recommendations. (Doc. No. 168.) 24 Defendants argue that the motion to enforce the settlement should be denied and the 25 pending findings and recommendations be adopted because they complied with the material terms

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 ² The assigned magistrate judge also *sua sponte* forwarded plaintiff's motion and a copy of the findings and recommendations to the Office of the Attorney General as an informal request for assistance with respect to any overpayment of restitution. (Doc. No. 166 at 3 n.1.)

1	of the settlement agreement in this case. (Doc. No. 167 at 3.) They also assert that plaintiff did		
2	not "overpay" the amount of restitution owed, because plaintiff's restitution balance was		
3	approximately \$5,000 in May 2019, and the order reducing the restitution balance owed to \$2,500		
4	did not issue until August 6, 2020, over a year after this case was settled. ³ (<i>Id.</i>)		
5	In his objections, plaintiff asserts that this court has jurisdiction over CDCR and is able to		
6	issue the relief he seeks. In the alternative, he argues that this court should revise its prior order		
7	dismissing this action from with prejudice to without, so that plaintiff might be able to re-file this		
8	action. However, plaintiff fails to cite any authority in support of his position in this regard, he		
9	does not address the relevant standards to modify a prior order of this court, and nothing further is		
10	provided that persuasively rebuts the conclusions reached in the pending findings and		
11	recommendations.		
12	In accordance with the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1)(C) and Local Rule 304, this		
13	court has conducted a <i>de novo</i> review of this case. Having carefully reviewed the entire file, the		
14	court finds the findings and recommendations to be supported by the record and proper analysis.		
15	PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST TO FORWARD A COPY OF EVIDENCE		
16	TO THE UNITED STATES ATTORNEY FOR REVIEW		
17	On April 26, 2021, plaintiff filed a request to forward a copy of all of the evidence in this		
18	case, including deposition transcripts, to the United States Attorney to review whether a federal		
19	hate crime had occurred based on events that, according to plaintiff, transpired on March 18,		
20	2014. (Doc. No. 169.) Plaintiff had previously brought a nearly-identical motion on June 12,		
21	2020, based on these alleged March 18, 2014 incidents (Doc. No. 163), which the assigned		
22	magistrate judge denied on June 15, 2020, because the court lacked jurisdiction to order the		
23	United States Attorney to file criminal charges against defendants and instructing plaintiff that if		
24	he "believes a crime occurred, he may report the crime to the appropriate authorities himself."		
25	(Doc. No. 164 at 2.)		
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 ³ Defendants also observe that it is "suspect," in their view, that plaintiff moved to reduce his restitution balance after receiving a \$16,500 settlement in this case. (*Id.* at 3 n.3.)

1	In the pending motion, plaintiff has not established that this court has jurisdiction to orde	r		
2	the requested relief, and thus this motion will also be denied for those reasons.			
3	CONCLUSION			
4	Accordingly,			
5	1. The findings and recommendations issued on April 1, 2021 (Doc. No. 166) are			
6	adopted in full;			
7	2. Plaintiff's motion to enforce the settlement agreement (Doc. No. 165) is denied;			
8	3. Plaintiff's request to forward copy of all evidence to the United States Attorney for	or		
9	federal hate crime review (Doc. No. 169) is denied;			
10	4. This case shall remain closed; and			
11	5. No further filings will be entertained in this closed case.			
12	IT IS SO ORDERED.			
13	Dated: April 30, 2021 Jale A. Dryd			
14	UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE			
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