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

JOSEPH D. RODRIGUEZ,)	Case No.: 1:15-cv-01754-LJO-EPG (PC)
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Plaintiff,)	
)	ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT
v.)	CONFERENCE ON MARCH 24, 2017
)	
STUART SHERMAN, et al.,)	
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Defendants.)	
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Plaintiff Joseph Rodriguez is appearing pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court has determined that this case will benefit from a settlement conference. Therefore, this case will be referred to a Magistrate Judge to conduct a settlement conference at the California State Prison, Corcoran (CSP-COR), 4001 King Avenue, Corcoran, CA 93212 on March 24, 2017, at 8:30 a.m. The Court will issue the necessary transportation order in due course.

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

1. This case is set for a settlement conference before a federal Magistrate Judge on March 24, 2017, at CSP-COR.
2. A representative with full and unlimited authority to negotiate and enter into a binding settlement shall attend in person.
3. Those in attendance must be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and damages. The

1 failure of any counsel, party or authorized person subject to this order to appear in person
2 may result in the imposition of sanctions. In addition, the conference will not proceed and
3 will be reset to another date.

4 4. Defendants shall provide a confidential settlement statement to the following email
5 address: **settleconf@caed.uscourts.gov**. Plaintiff shall mail his confidential settlement
6 statement to U.S. District Court, 2500 Tulare Street, Fresno, California, 93721,
7 **“Attention: Institution Settlement Judge for March 24, 2017.”** The envelope shall be
8 marked “Confidential Settlement Statement”. Settlement statements shall arrive no later
9 than March 17, 2017. Parties shall also file a Notice of Submission of Confidential
10 Settlement Conference Statement (See Local Rule 270(d)). Settlement statements **should**
11 **not be filed** with the Clerk of the Court **nor served on any other party**. Settlement
12 statements shall be clearly marked “confidential” with the date and time of the settlement
13 conference indicated prominently thereon.

14 5. The confidential settlement statement shall be **no longer than five pages** in length, typed
15 or neatly printed, and include the following:

- 16 a. A brief statement of the facts of the case.
- 17 b. A brief statement of the claims and defenses, i.e., statutory or other grounds upon
18 which the claims are founded; a forthright evaluation of the parties’ likelihood of
19 prevailing on the claims and defenses; and a description of the major issues in
20 dispute.
- 21 c. An estimate of the cost and time to be expended for further discovery, pretrial, and
22 trial.
- 23 d. The party’s position on settlement, including present demands and offers and a
24 history of past settlement discussions, offers, and demands.

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e. A brief statement of each party's expectations and goals for the settlement conference, including how much a party is willing to accept and/or willing to pay.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 9, 2017

/s/ Eric P. Grogan
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE