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

CATRELL BAKARI,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
GORDON TRUCKING, INC.,  
Defendant.

Case No. 1:16-cv-00793-DAD-SAB  
ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S  
RESPONSE TO AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES  
(ECF No. 4)

Plaintiff Catrell Bakari, proceeding pro se, filed this action in Fresno County Superior Court on March 16, 2016. On June 6, 2016, Defendant Gordon Trucking, Inc. filed an answer. On June 7, 2016, Defendant removed the action to the Eastern District of California. On July 12, 2016, Plaintiff filed a response to Defendant's answer to the complaint.

The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provide, in relevant part, that there shall be a complaint, an answer, and a reply to an answer if the court orders one. Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a). The Court has not ordered a reply to the answer and declines to make such an order. Therefore, Plaintiff's response to Defendant Gordon Trucking Inc.'s affirmative defense shall be stricken from the record.

Additionally, included with the response is a request for production of documents and request for interrogatories. Plaintiff is directed to Rule 26(d) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure which states that a "[a] party may not seek discovery from any source before the

