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8	UNITED STATES I	DISTRICT COURT
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	CATRELL BAKARI,	Case No. 1:16-cv-00793-DAD-SAB
12	Plaintiff,	ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S RESPONSE TO AFFIRMATIVE DEFENSES
13	v.	(ECF No. 4)
14	GORDON TRUCKING, INC.,	(LCF NO. 4)
15	Defendant.	
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17	Plaintiff Catrell Bakari, proceeding pro se, filed this action in Fresno County Superior	
18	Court on March 16, 2016. On June 6, 2016, Defendant Gordon Trucking, Inc. filed an answer.	
19	On June 7, 2016, Defendant removed the action to the Eastern District of California. On July 12,	
20	2016, Plaintiff filed a response to Defendant's answer to the complaint.	
21	The Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provide, in relevant part, that there shall be a	
22	complaint, an answer, and a reply to an answer if the court orders one. Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a). The	
23	Court has not ordered a reply to the answer and declines to make such an order. Therefore,	
24	Plaintiff's response to Defendant Gordon Trucking Inc.'s affirmative defense shall be stricken	
25	from the record.	

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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 parties have conferred as required by Rule 26(f)." Plaintiff is advised that even though he is
 proceeding pro se in this action, he is required to familiarize himself with and comply with the
 Federal Rules and Local Rules that apply in this action.

Finally, Plaintiff is advised that the Court is not a repository for the parties' evidence.
Discovery requests and response are not to be filed in the action unless they are relevant to a
matter that is pending decision.

Accordingly, it is HEREBY ORDERED that Plaintiff's response, filed July 12, 2016, is
STRICKEN from the record.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

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Dated: July 14, 2016

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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