UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JORGE MACHUCA, Plaintiff, v. COUNTY OF KERN, et al., Defendants.	Case No.: 1:16-cv-01497 - JLT ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S REQUEST FOR AN EXTENSION OF TIME TO APPEAR THROUGH COUNSEL

On August 10, 2017, the Court granted the motion of George Mgdesyan to withdraw as counsel for Plaintiff. (Doc. 23) The Court ordered Plaintiff to "notify the Court whether he intends to represent himself in this matter or whether he has secured substitute counsel and whether he intends to prosecute this action." (*Id.* at 3) Plaintiff was directed to file the notification "**[n]o later than September 1, 2017**." (*Id.*, emphasis in original) When Plaintiff did not respond, the Court ordered him to show cause why the matter should not be dismissed. (Doc. 24) Now, the plaintiff indicates he is currently representing himself but is finalizing the agreement with a lawyer to represent him. (Doc. 25) He states that he needs 30 days to complete this arrangement. Id.

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Accordingly, Plaintiff is **GRANTED** until October 20, 2017 to show cause why the action should not be dismissed for failure to prosecute or to follow the Court's Order or, in the alternative, to notify the Court whether he intends to represent himself or has secured counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **September 29, 2017**

/s/ Jennifer L. Thurston
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE