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3 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
4 **EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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6 ARTHUR R. JONES,
7 Plaintiff,
8 v.
9 E. MEDDLY,
10 Defendant.

Case No. 1:17-cv-00109-SAB (PC)
ORDER STRIKING PLAINTIFF'S REPLY
TO DEFENDANT'S ANSWER TO
COMPLAINT
(ECF No. 19)

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12 Plaintiff Arthur R. Jones is appearing pro se and in forma pauperis in this civil rights
13 action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

14 On August 29, 2017, Plaintiff filed a reply to Defendant's answer to the complaint,
15 stating that he objects to the defenses raised as false and without merit. (ECF No. 19.)

16 Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 7 lists all pleadings that are permitted, including "if the
17 court orders one, a reply to an answer." Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a)(7) (emphasis added). No request to
18 file a reply to the answer was sought in this case, and the Court declines to require it.

19 Accordingly, Plaintiff's reply to Defendant's answer to the complaint is HEREBY
20 STRICKEN from the record.

21 IT IS SO ORDERED.

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23 Dated: October 11, 2017

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE