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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CRAIG WILLIAM VOSS,
Plaintiff,
v.
BRIAN BAKER,
Defendant.

No. 1: 17-cv-00626-DAD-EPG

ORDER DISMISSING ACTION PURSUANT
TO FEDERAL RULE OF CIVIL PROCEDURE
25(A)(1)

(Doc. No. 70)

On January 18, 2019, defense counsel (“counsel”) filed a statement with the court entitled “Suggestion of Death of Plaintiff Craig William Voss,” providing notice that plaintiff had died during the pendency of this action. (Doc. No. 70.) The statement indicates that counsel has no knowledge or information regarding the successor or representative of plaintiff’s estate, and no knowledge of how he might ascertain that information. However, counsel filed a proof of service with the court that indicates that he served plaintiff’s parents with the suggestion of death on January 18, 2019. (*Id.* at 3.)

“If a party dies and the claim is not thereby extinguished, the court may order substitution of the proper parties. A motion for substitution may be made by any party or by the decedent’s successor or representative. If the motion is not made within 90 days after service of a statement noting the death, the action by or against the decedent must be dismissed.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 25(a)(1).

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The notice of death was filed and served in this action more than ninety days ago, and no motion for substitution by the decedent's successor or representative has been made.

Accordingly:

- 1.) This action is dismissed pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 25(a)(1);
- 2.) All pending motions (Doc. No. 62) are denied as moot; and
- 3.) The Clerk of the Court is directed to close this case.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: May 13, 2019


UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE