

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

DEMETRIUS L. BELL,

1:17-cv-01023-MJS (HC)

Petitioner,

v.

THE PEOPLE OF THE STATE OF
CALIFORNIA,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Respondent.

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a habeas corpus action pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915.

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in "(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought." 28 U.S.C. § 1333(b).

1 Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the
2 district of conviction. 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). The district court for the district wherein such
3 an application is filed may, in the exercise of its discretion and in furtherance of justice,
4 transfer the application to the other district court for hearing and determination. Id.
5 It is preferable for petitions challenging a conviction or sentence to be heard in the
6 district of conviction and for petitions challenging the manner in which the sentence is
7 being executed to be heard in the district of confinement. Dunne v. Henman, 875 F.2d
8 244, 249 (9th Cir. 1989). In this case, the petitioner is challenging a conviction from
9 Riverside County, which is in the Central District of California. See 28 U.S.C. § 84.
10 Therefore, the petition should have been filed in the United States District Court for the
11 Central District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a case
12 filed in the wrong district to the correct district. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1404(a) and 2241(d).

13 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the
14 United States District Court for the Central District of California.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August 3, 2017

/s/ *Michael J. Seng*
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE