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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT	
9	FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA	
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11	JERRY DILLINGHAM,	No. 1:18-cv-00579-NONE-EPG (PC)
12	Plaintiff,	
13	v.	ORDER OVERRULING PLAINTIFF'S OBJECTIONS TO MAGISTRATE JUDGE'S ORDER
14	F. GARCIA,	
15	Defendant.	
16		(Doc. No. 157)
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18	Jerry Dillingham ("plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma pauperis	
19	in this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983.	
20	On September 2, 2021, plaintiff filed what the court construes as objections to the	
21	magistrate judge's order denying plaintiff's second request for appointment of an expert witness	
22	(Doc. No. 156.) (Doc. No. 157.)	
23	Pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 72(a), when reviewing a magistrate judge's	
24	order, "[t]he district judge in the case must consider timely objections and modify or set aside any	
25	part of the order that is clearly erroneous or is contrary to law." See also 28 U.S.C.	
26	§ 636(b)(1)(A); Local Rule 303. Under the clearly erroneous standard of review, a district court	
27	may overturn a magistrate judge's ruling "only if the district court is left with the definite and	
28	firm conviction that a mistake has been made." Computer Economics, Inc. v. Gartner Group,	
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## Inc., 50 F.Supp.2d 980, 983 (S.D. Cal. 1999) (quoting Weeks v. Samsung Heavy Indus. Co., Ltd., 126 F.3d 926, 943 (7th Cir. 1997)). Under the contrary to law standard, a district court may conduct independent review of purely legal determinations by a magistrate judge. *Id*. It does not appear that plaintiff timely filed his objections. However, the court has reviewed the magistrate judge's order (Doc. No. 156), and it was not contrary to law or clearly erroneous. Accordingly, plaintiff's objections to the magistrate judge's order, (Doc. No. 157), are overruled. IT IS SO ORDERED. Dated: September 17, 2021

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