1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 8 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 9 10 11 ANTWOINE BEALER, Case No.: 1:18-cv-01170-DAD-SAB (PC) 12 Plaintiff, ORDER VACATING FINDINGS AND RECOMMENDATIONS ISSUED ON 13 v. DECEMBER 12, 2018, AND GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S APPLICATION TO PROCEED IN KERN VALLEY STATE PRISON, 14 FORMA PAUPERIS 15 Defendant. [ECF Nos. 11, 12] 16 17 18 Plaintiff Antwoine Bealer is proceeding pro se in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. 19 § 1983. The matter was referred to a United States Magistrate Judge pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 20 636(b)(1)(B) and Local Rule 302. 21 On December 12, 2018, the undersigned issued Findings and Recommendations 22 recommending that Plaintiff's application to proceed in forma pauperis be denied because Plaintiff had 23 incurred three strikes under 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) and failed to allege that he was in imminent danger of 24 physical harm. (ECF No. 12.) In the Findings and Recommendations, the Court took judicial notice

of the following cases: (1) Antwoine Bealer v. Wilson., No. 1:16-cv-00672-DAD-SAB (E.D. Cal.

May 12, 2016) (dismissed for failure to state a claim); (2) Antwoine Bealer v. Kern Valley State

Prison., No. 1:16-cv-00367-LJO-SKO (E.D. Cal. March 17, 2016) (dismissed for failure to state a

claim); (3) Antwoine Bealer v. Kern Valley State Prison, No. 1:17-cv-01277-LJO-SAB (E.D. Cal.

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March 7, 2017) (dismissed for failure to state a claim). The Findings and Recommendations were served on Plaintiff and contained notice that objections were to be filed within thirty days. (<u>Id.</u>)

Section 1915(g) provides that a prisoner cannot "bring" new action in forma pauperis if he "has, on 3 or more prior occasions ... brought an action ... that was dismissed on the ground that it is frivolous, malicious, or fails to state a claim...." 28 U.S.C. § 1915(g) (emphasis added). The Ninth Circuit has noted that "'[strikes' are prior cases or appeals, brought while the plaintiff was a prisoner, which were dismissed 'on the ground that [they were] frivolous, malicious or fail [] to state a claim[.]" Andrew v. King, 398 F.3d 1113, 1116 n.1 (9th Cir. 2005).

Plaintiff filed objections on January 31, 2019. In his objections, Plaintiff correctly submits that cases Antwoine Bealer v. Kern Valley State Prison., No. 1:16-cv-00367-LJO-SKO (E.D. Cal. March 17, 2016) (dismissed for failure to state a claim on June 12, 2018) and Antwoine Bealer v. Kern Valley State Prison, No. 1:17-cv-01277-LJO-SAB (E.D. Cal. March 7, 2017) (dismissed for failure to state a claim on October 25, 2018), were not dismissed until after he filed the instant action on May 14, 2018. The Court will vacate the December 12, 2018, Findings and Recommendations, and based on a showing required by section 1915(a)(1), Plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis will be granted.

Based on the foregoing, it is HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The Findings and Recommendations issued December 11, 2018, are VACATED; and
- 2. Plaintiff's motion to proceed in forma pauperis is GRANTED, and the Clerk of Court shall issue the order directing payment of the filing fee by the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation.

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IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: **February 19, 2019**

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE