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4 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
5 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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7 LAWRENCE CHRISTOPHER SMITH,

8 Plaintiff,

9 vs.
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11 PARRIOT, et al.,

12 Defendants.

1:19-cv-00286-NONE-GSA-PC

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS' *EX*
PARTE APPLICATION FOR EXTENSION
OF TIME
(ECF No. 31.)**

**THIRTY DAY DEADLINE TO FILE
RESPONSIVE PLEADING**

13 Plaintiff, Lawrence Christopher Smith, is a state prisoner proceeding *pro se* and *in forma*
14 *pauperis* with this civil rights action filed pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This case now proceeds
15 with Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint, filed on September 10, 2020, against defendants
16 Sergeant Andres Cantu, Sergeant Wilfredo Gutierrez, and Correctional Officer J. Mattingly
17 ("Defendants") for use of excessive force in violation of the Eighth Amendment. (ECF No. 22.)

18 On April 21, 2021, Defendants filed an *ex parte* application for an extension of time to
19 file a responsive pleading to Plaintiff's First Amended Complaint. (ECF No. 31.)

20 The Court finds good cause to grant Defendants an extension of time. Accordingly, IT
21 IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendants Cantu, Gutierrez, and Mattingly are granted thirty days
22 from the date of service of this order in which to file a responsive pleading to the First Amended
23 Complaint.

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25 IT IS SO ORDERED.

26 Dated: May 13, 2021

/s/ Gary S. Austin
27 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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