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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHN IVAN KOCAK,
Plaintiff,
v.
JIMINEZ,
Defendant.

Case No. 1:20-cv-00921-BAM (PC)
ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

Plaintiff John Ivan Kocak (“Plaintiff”), a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with a motion to proceed *in forma pauperis* pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1915. (ECF Nos. 1, 2.)

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 are residents of the State in which the district is located, (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) if there is no district in which an action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

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In this case, the defendant does not appear to reside in this district. The claims arose in Monterey County, which is in the Northern District of California. Therefore, Plaintiff's claim should have been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Ravelo Monegro v. Rosa, 211 F.3d 509, 512 (9th Cir. 2000).

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

1. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California; and
2. This Court has not yet ruled on Plaintiff's motion to proceed *in forma pauperis*.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: July 2, 2020

/s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE