

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MATHEW SORIA.

1:20-cv-01072-EPG (PC)

Plaintiff,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GRAY, et al.

Defendant.

17 Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42
18 U.S.C. § 1983.

19 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity
20 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all
21 defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in which
22 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part
23 of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no district in which any
24 action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial district in which any
25 defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to such action.” 28 U.S.C.
26 § 1331(b).

27 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Los Angeles
28 County, which is in the Central District of California. Therefore, plaintiff's claim should have

1 been filed in the United States District Court for the Central District of California. In the interest
2 of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct
3 district. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); *Starnes v. McGuire*, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
5 States District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

8 Dated: September 8, 2020

/s/ Eric P. Groj
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE