1 2 3 4 5 6 7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 10 MARK WAYNE SPRINKLE, No. 2:02-cv-1563-JAM-EFB P 11 Plaintiff, 12 **ORDER** v. 13 LEON ROBINSON, et al., 14 Defendants. 15 16 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in an action brought under 42 17 U.S.C. § 1983. The court has already determined liability; trial is scheduled to begin May 7, 2018 to determine the amount of damages. On April 17, 2018, the court ordered defense counsel 18 19 to inquire into the status of plaintiff's access to his legal property and file a declaration within 14 20 days to inform the court whether plaintiff's legal property has been returned to him. ECF No. 21 206. However, in light of the fast-approaching trial date, the court hereby AMENDS that order as 22 follows: On or before April 23, 2018, defense counsel shall file a declaration informing the court 23 of whether the legal property pertaining to this case has been returned to plaintiff, or, if it has not, 24 when it will be returned to him. The court will closely scrutinize any denial of access to such 25 property this close to trial. 26 So ordered. 27 DATED: April 17, 2018. UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE 28