Aitkens v. Greyhound Lines, Inc et al

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8	UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
9	EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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11	MARIA SOTO, No. 2:06-cv-1612-MCE-DAD
12	Plaintiff,
13	v. <u>Related case order</u>
14	GREYHOUND LINES, INC., TU PHUOC NGUYEN, and ENTERPRISE
15	RENT-A-CAR,
16	Defendants/
17	DUNBAR AITKENS, No. 2:06-cv-2077-WBS-KJM
18	Plaintiff,
19 20	V.
21	GREYHOUND LINES, INC., TU PHUOC NGUYEN, and ENTERPRISE
22	RENT-A-CAR COMPANY OF OREGON,
23	Defendants.
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25	Examination of the above-entitled civil actions reveals that
26	these actions are related within the meaning of Local Rule 83-
27	123(a) (E.D. Cal. 1997).
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The actions involve many of the same defendants and are based on 1 2 the same or similar claims, the same property transaction or event, similar questions of fact and the same questions of law, 3 and would therefore entail a substantial duplication of labor if 4 heard by different judges. Accordingly, the assignment of the 5 matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial 6 savings of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient 7 8 for the parties.

9 The parties should be aware that relating the cases under 10 Local Rule 83-123 merely has the result that both actions are 11 assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the action is 12 effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related 13 cases are generally assigned to the district judge and magistrate 14 judge to whom the first filed action was assigned.

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that the action denominated 2:06-cv-15 2077-WBS-KJM, Dunbar Aitkens v. Greyhound Linds, Inc., et al. is 16 reassigned to Judge Morrison C. England, Jr. and Dale A. Drozd 17 for all further proceedings, and any dates currently set in this 18 reassigned case only is hereby VACATED. The parties are referred 19 to the attached Order Requiring Joint Status Report. Henceforth, 20 21 the caption on documents filed in the reassigned case shall be shown as 2:06-cv-2077-MCE-DAD. 22

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IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: September 29, 2006

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MORRISON C. ENGLAND UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE