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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

MARQUIS VERNARD WALKER,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-07-1323 WBS EFB P

vs.

T. FELKER, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

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Plaintiff is a prisoner without counsel seeking relief for alleged civil rights violations. *See* 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On December 22, 2009, defendants Dial and Cox filed a motion for summary judgment. *See* Fed. R. Civ. P. 56. Plaintiff has not filed an opposition or a statement of no opposition to the motion for summary judgment.

In cases in which one party is incarcerated and proceeding without counsel, motions ordinarily are submitted on the record without oral argument. Local Rule 230(1). “Opposition, if any, to the granting of the motion shall be served and filed with the Clerk by the responding party not more than eighteen (18) days, plus three (3) days for mailing or electronic service, after the date of service of the motion.” *Id.* A responding party’s failure “to file written opposition or to file a statement of no opposition may be deemed a waiver of any opposition to the granting of the motion and may result in the imposition of sanctions.” *Id.* Furthermore, a party’s failure to

1 comply with any order or with the Local Rules “may be grounds for imposition of any and all  
2 sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court.” Local Rule  
3 110. The court may recommend that an action be dismissed with or without prejudice, as  
4 appropriate, if a party disobeys an order or the Local Rules. *See Ferdik v. Bonzelet*, 963 F.2d  
5 1258, 1263 (9th Cir. 1992) (district court did not abuse discretion in dismissing *pro se* plaintiff’s  
6 complaint for failing to obey an order to re-file an amended complaint to comply with Federal  
7 Rules of Civil Procedure); *Carey v. King*, 856 F.2d 1439, 1440-41 (9th Cir. 1988) (dismissal for  
8 *pro se* plaintiff’s failure to comply with local rule regarding notice of change of address  
9 affirmed).

10 On March 3, 2009, the court advised plaintiff of the requirements for filing an opposition  
11 to the motion, that failure to oppose such a motion may be deemed a waiver of opposition to the  
12 motion and that failure to comply with the Local Rules may result in a recommendation of  
13 dismissal.

14 Accordingly, it is hereby ORDERED that, within 21 days of the date of this order,  
15 plaintiff shall file either an opposition to the motion for summary judgment or a statement of no  
16 opposition. Failure to comply with this order will result in a recommendation that this action be  
17 dismissed without prejudice.

18 DATED: February 4, 2010.

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20 EDMUND F. BRENNAN  
21 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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