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

ALEXANDER LEES,

Case No. 2:08-CV-0196-KJM

Plaintiff,

ORDER

vs.

T. FELKER, et al.,

Defendants.

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Plaintiff is a prisoner proceeding pro se with an action under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. This case will be referred to Michael Colatrella, to conduct a mediation on August 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. Both parties will be required to submit confidential settlement conference statements setting forth a *brief* description of the case, their respective positions as to the active claims/defenses, and a settlement demand/response. The settlement conference statements are not to exceed five (5) pages in length, and are not to include exhibits or attachments.

Plaintiff will be required to appear by video conference from his current place of confinement. A separate order and writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum will issue with this order.

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2 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

3 1. This case is set for mediation on August 10, 2010, at 1:00 p.m. in Courtroom  
4 #1, at the U. S. District Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814.

5 2. Plaintiff shall personally attend, via video conference.

6 3. Defendants' lead counsel and a person with full and unlimited authority to  
7 negotiate and enter into a binding settlement on defendants' behalf shall attend in person.<sup>1</sup>

8 4. Those in attendance must be prepared to discuss the claims, defenses and  
9 damages. The failure of any counsel, party or authorized person subject to this order to appear  
10 in person may result in the imposition of sanctions. Sanctions will include, but will not be  
11 limited to, the attorney fees and travel costs of the other parties and/or the mediator. In addition,  
12 the conference will not proceed and will be reset to another date.

13 5. The parties are directed to provide confidential settlement conference  
14 statements to Sujean Park, 501 I Street, Suite 4-200, Sacramento, California 95814, or via email  
15 at [spark@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:spark@caed.uscourts.gov), so that they arrive no later than July 30, 2010.

16 DATED: June 15, 2010.

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18 U.S. MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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20 <sup>1</sup>The term "full authority to settle" means that the individuals attending the mediation  
21 conference must be authorized to fully explore settlement options and to agree at that time to any  
22 settlement terms acceptable to the parties. G. Heileman Brewing Co., Inc. v. Joseph Oat Corp.,  
23 871 F.2d 648, 653 (7<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1989), cited with approval in Official Airline Guides, Inc. v. Goss, 6  
24 F. 3d 1385, 1396 (9<sup>th</sup> Cir. 1993). The individual with full authority to settle must also have  
25 "unfettered discretion and authority" to change the settlement position of the party, if  
26 appropriate. Pittman v. Brinker Int'l, Inc., 216 F.R.D. 481, 485-86 (D. Ariz. 2003), amended on  
recon. in part, Pitman v. Brinker Int'l, Inc., 2003 WL 23353478 (D. Ariz. 2003). The purpose  
behind requiring the attendance of a person with full settlement authority is that the parties' view  
of the case may be altered during the face to face conference. Pitman, 216 F.R.D. at 486. An  
authorization to settle for a limited dollar amount or sum certain can be found not to comply with  
the requirement of full authority to settle. Nick v. Morgan's Foods, Inc., 270 F. 3d 590, 596-97  
(8<sup>th</sup> Cir. 2001).