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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 GREGORY V. BALDWIN,

No. 2:09-cv-00711-KJM-AC

12 Plaintiff,

13 v.

ORDER

14 J. FANNON, et al.,

15 Defendants.  
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18 A jury trial was conducted in this case on October 6 through 9, 2014. *See* Minutes,  
19 ECF Nos. 155, 156, 158, 161. On October 9, 2014, the jury returned a unanimous verdict in favor  
20 of the defendants, Verdict, ECF No. 163, and a judgment was entered on October 15, 2014, ECF  
21 No. 166. On October 27, 2014, plaintiff Gregory Baldwin filed a notice of appeal. ECF No. 167.  
22 Mr. Baldwin appeals “the Judgment of the Jury denying [him] punitive damages and dismissing  
23 the action with prejudice.” *Id.* at 1. On December 1, 2014, Mr. Baldwin also filed a request for  
24 transcripts at government expense. ECF No. 170. Although Mr. Baldwin was represented at  
25 trial, his notice of appeal and request for transcripts at government expense were filed without  
26 representation.

27 A litigant proceeding *in forma pauperis* may move for the production of  
28 transcripts at government expense “if the trial judge or a circuit judge certifies that the appeal is

1 not frivolous (but presents a substantial question).” 28 U.S.C. § 753(f). *See also* 28 U.S.C.  
2 § 1915(c) (defining circumstances in which the court can direct the government to pay for  
3 transcript requests). Such a request is granted only if “the appeal presents a substantial issue.”  
4 *Henderson v. United States*, 734 F.2d 483, 484 (9th Cir. 1984).

5 Here, the court can find no substantial issue or question in the appeal. Mr.  
6 Baldwin’s notice of appeal and request for transcripts also provide no justification or argument.  
7 The request is DENIED. Any further relief must be sought from the United States Court of  
8 Appeals for the Ninth Circuit.

9 IT IS SO ORDERED.

10 DATED: May 19, 2015.

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13 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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