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

WILLIAM THOMAS COATS,

Plaintiff,

No. 2:09-cv-1830 KJM KJN P

vs.

T. KIMURA, et al.,

Defendants.

ORDER

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Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in this civil rights action for relief pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. On January 5, 2012, plaintiff filed a reply to defendant Chambers’ answer.¹ (Dkt. No. 85.) Rule 7 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure provides as follows:


There shall be a complaint and an answer; a reply to a counterclaim denominated as such; an answer to a cross-claim, if the answer contains a cross-claim; a third-party complaint, if a person who was not an original party is summoned under the provisions of Rule 14; and a third-party answer, if a third-party complaint is served. No other pleading shall be allowed, except that the court may order a reply to an answer or a third-party answer.

¹ Plaintiff asks for a jury trial. Plaintiff sought a jury trial in his original complaint; thus, no further request for jury trial is required. Also, plaintiff refers to defendant Chambers’ filing as a “motion.” Plaintiff is advised that defendant Chambers filed an answer, which is a responsive pleading, not a motion.

1 Fed. R. Civ. P. 7(a) (emphasis added). The court has not ordered plaintiff to reply to defendants'
2 answer and declines to make such an order.

3 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that plaintiff's January 5, 2012 reply
4 (dkt. no. 85) is disregarded.

5 DATED: January 11, 2012

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8 KENDALL J. NEWMAN
9 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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