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

RAHEEM AHMAD HANIF,

Plaintiff,

No. CIV S-09-2354 GGH P

vs.

DR. SHAW,

Defendant.

ORDER

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Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. In light of 1996 amendments to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, this court will not rule on plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside in the same State, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

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1 In this case, none of the defendants reside in this district. The claim arose in Napa  
2 County, which is in the Northern District of California. Therefore, plaintiff's claim should have  
3 been filed in the United States District Court for the Northern District of California. In the  
4 interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the  
5 correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir.  
6 1974).

7 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

8 1. This court has not ruled on plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis; and

9 2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern  
10 District of California.

11 DATED: September 9, 2009

12 /s/ Gregory G. Hollows

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14 GREGORY G. HOLLOWES  
15 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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