1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 10 11 JON CHRIST, No. 2:10-cv-0760-EFB P 12 Plaintiff, 13 **ORDER** v. 14 R. BLACKWELL, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff is a state prisoner proceeding without counsel in an action brought under 42 18 U.S.C. § 1983. He has filed a motion for sanctions against defense counsel. ECF No. 185. 19 Plaintiff believes that defense counsel has attempted to get plaintiff to violate this court's order of 20 September 9, 2015 (ECF No. 178) soliciting confidential settlement statements by asking plaintiff 21 to provide defense counsel with a settlement demand. The court hereby informs plaintiff that 22 defense counsel's request does not violate that order. Defense counsel has not asked plaintiff for 23 his confidential settlement statement. The parties are encouraged to discuss and negotiate 24 settlement outside of the court's Alternative Dispute Resolution program. Accordingly, 25 plaintiff's motion for sanctions (ECF No. 185) is DENIED. 26 So ordered. 27 DATED: November 13, 2015. EDMUND F. BRENNAN 28 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE