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

VANCE EDWARD JOHNSON,

Plaintiff,

No. 2:11-cv-0120 KJN P

vs.

WILLIAM K. SUTER, et al.,

Defendants.

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, the defendants are located and the claim arose in Washington, D.C.,  
2 which is in the District of Columbia. Therefore, plaintiff's claim should have been filed in the  
3 United States District Court for the District of Columbia. In the interest of justice, a federal court  
4 may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C.  
5 § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

6 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 7 1. This court has not ruled on plaintiff's request to proceed in forma pauperis; and
- 8 2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the District of  
9 Columbia.

10 DATED: January 24, 2011

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13 KENDALL J. NEWMAN  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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