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

ENRIQUE SOTO ALVAREZ,

Petitioner,

No. CIV S-11-0278 DAD P

vs.

ROBERT BARNES,

Respondent.

ORDER

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Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254. Petitioner has not paid the filing fee or filed a request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The application attacks a judgement of conviction entered by the Riverside County Superior Court. While both this Court and the United States District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973), any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the resolution of petitioner’s application are more readily available in Riverside County. Id. at 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

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1 Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this
2 matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Central District of California.

3 DATED: March 3, 2011.

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7 DALE A. DROZD
8 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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