

1 surgery. ECF No. 14 at 3. Named in the complaint are three defendants: Austin, the CEO of
2 Health Care Services at California State Prison-Solano (“CSP-SOL”), Traquina, the Chief
3 Medical Officer (“CMO”) at the same prison, and Mefford, a Correctional Health Services
4 Administrator II. ECF No. 14 at 2-3.

5 The third amended complaint alleges that in May 2009, plaintiff received back surgery.
6 Id. at 6. On June 1, 2009, plaintiff was seen for a follow-up visit and complained of numbness
7 and pain in his right hand. Id. On June 8, 2009, plaintiff was diagnosed with carpal tunnel
8 syndrome and was referred to a hand surgeon. Id. at 6-7. A nerve conduction study was also
9 ordered on that date and performed on June 25, 2009. Id. at 6-7. The study revealed nerve
10 damage to plaintiff’s right arm and hand. Id. at 7. On August 26, 2009, plaintiff had another
11 consultation with his neurosurgeon who referred him to another hand surgeon. Id. at 8.

12 Throughout the months of July, August, and September 2009, plaintiff submitted
13 numerous Health Care Request Forms (CDC 7362) complaining about the pain in his right hand,
14 wrist, and arm, and requesting to see the hand surgeon. ECF No. 14 at 7-8. On October 1, 2009,
15 plaintiff received a response to his requests indicating that he was being placed on the waiting list
16 for orthopedic surgery because the prison was in the midst of changing orthopedic providers. Id.
17 at 8-9. Plaintiff filed an inmate grievance and received a response on November 17, 2009
18 indicating that he would be scheduled for hand surgery within the next six months. Id. at 9. After
19 pursuing further administrative appeals, he received essentially the same response. Id. at 9-10.

20 On February 1, 2010, Defendants Austin, Mefford, and Traquina were notified that
21 plaintiff needed to be temporarily removed from the prison for medical reasons. ECF No. 14 at
22 10. On the same date, plaintiff met with the orthopedic surgeon for consultation who
23 recommended carpal tunnel release surgery to correct the nerve damage to plaintiff’s right hand.
24 Id. at 10-11. Plaintiff was finally scheduled for hand surgery on May 28, 2010, but states that he
25 still suffers from hand pain and problems stemming from the delay in surgery. Id. at 11.

26 II. Defendants’ Motion for Summary Judgment

27 On September 23, 2013, defendants filed a motion for summary judgment on the grounds
28 that: 1) defendants did not personally participate in any constitutional violation; 2) defendants

1 were not deliberately indifferent to any known, serious medical need; 3) plaintiff received
2 appropriate medical care; 4) plaintiff suffered no harm as a result of any delay in scheduling
3 surgery; and, 5) defendants are entitled to qualified immunity. ECF No. 42. Accompanying the
4 motion was a notice pursuant to Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d 952, 962-63 (9th Cir. 1998) (en
5 banc). ECF No. 42-1.

6 III. Defendants' Motion to Strike Plaintiff's Evidence

7 Defendants object to portions of plaintiff's declaration as well as his unauthenticated
8 exhibits submitted in opposition to the motion for summary judgment on the grounds that they are
9 inadmissible. ECF No. 45. With respect to plaintiff's declaration, defendants contend that he has
10 no personal knowledge that defendants were aware of his complaints regarding his hand surgery.
11 *Id.* at 2. The portion of his declaration stating as much is mere speculation. ECF No. 45 (citing
12 ECF No. 43 at 25, ¶ 4).

13 Pursuant to Rule 56(c)(4) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, an affidavit submitted
14 in opposition to a summary judgment motion "must be made on personal knowledge, set out facts
15 that would be admissible in evidence, and show that the affiant or declarant is competent to testify
16 on the matters stated." At the summary judgment stage, the court focuses not on the admissibility
17 of evidence's form but on the admissibility of its contents. Block v. City of Los Angeles, 253
18 F.3d 410, 418-19 (9th Cir. 2001). As plaintiff would not be competent to testify about the
19 defendants' state of mind, the motion to strike this portion of plaintiff's affidavit will be granted.

20 The remainder of defendants' motion to strike plaintiff's medical records as
21 unauthenticated will be denied as unnecessary. As a matter of judicial economy, the court finds it
22 unnecessary to reach the portion of the summary judgment motion pertaining to plaintiff's
23 medical treatment. Therefore, the court will deny the motion to strike this evidence.

24 IV. Legal Standards Summary Judgment Pursuant to Rule 56

25 Summary judgment is appropriate when the moving party "shows that there is no genuine
26 dispute as to any material fact and the movant is entitled to judgment as a matter of law." Fed. R.
27 Civ. P. 56(a).

28 Under summary judgment practice, the moving party "initially bears the burden of

1 proving the absence of a genuine issue of material fact.” In re Oracle Corp. Securities Litigation,
2 627 F.3d 376, 387 (9th Cir. 2010) (citing Celotex Corp. v. Catrett, 477 U.S. 317, 323 (1986)).
3 The moving party may accomplish this by “citing to particular parts of materials in the record,
4 including depositions, documents, electronically stored information, affidavits or declarations,
5 stipulations (including those made for purposes of the motion only), admission, interrogatory
6 answers, or other materials” or by showing that such materials “do not establish the absence or
7 presence of a genuine dispute, or that the adverse party cannot produce admissible evidence to
8 support the fact.” Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)(1)(A), (B). When the non-moving party bears the burden
9 of proof at trial, “the moving party need only prove that there is an absence of evidence to support
10 the nonmoving party’s case.” Oracle Corp., 627 F.3d at 387 (citing Celotex, 477 U.S. at 325.);
11 see also Fed. R. Civ. P. 56(c)(1)(B). Indeed, summary judgment should be entered, after
12 adequate time for discovery and upon motion, against a party who fails to make a showing
13 sufficient to establish the existence of an element essential to that party’s case, and on which that
14 party will bear the burden of proof at trial. See Celotex, 477 U.S. at 322. “[A] complete failure
15 of proof concerning an essential element of the nonmoving party’s case necessarily renders all
16 other facts immaterial.” Id. In such a circumstance, summary judgment should be granted, “so
17 long as whatever is before the district court demonstrates that the standard for entry of summary
18 judgment, . . ., is satisfied.” Id. at 323.

19 If the moving party meets its initial responsibility, the burden then shifts to the opposing
20 party to establish that a genuine issue as to any material fact actually does exist. See Matsushita
21 Elec. Indus. Co. v. Zenith Radio Corp., 475 U.S. 574, 586 (1986). In attempting to establish the
22 existence of this factual dispute, the opposing party may not rely upon the allegations or denials
23 of its pleadings but is required to tender evidence of specific facts in the form of affidavits, and/or
24 admissible discovery material, in support of its contention that the dispute exists. See Fed. R.
25 Civ. P. 56(c)(1); Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 586 n. 11. The opposing party must demonstrate that the
26 fact in contention is material, i.e., a fact that might affect the outcome of the suit under the
27 governing law, see Anderson v. Liberty Lobby, Inc., 477 U.S. 242, 248 (1986); T.W. Elec. Serv.,
28 Inc. v. Pacific Elec. Contractors Ass’n, 809 F.2d 626, 630 (9th Cir. 1987), and that the dispute is

1 genuine, i.e., the evidence is such that a reasonable jury could return a verdict for the nonmoving
2 party, see Wool v. Tandem Computers, Inc., 818 F.2d 1433, 1436 (9th Cir. 1987).

3 In the endeavor to establish the existence of a factual dispute, the opposing party need not
4 establish a material issue of fact conclusively in its favor. It is sufficient that “the claimed factual
5 dispute be shown to require a jury or judge to resolve the parties’ differing versions of the truth at
6 trial.” T.W. Elec. Serv., 809 F.2d at 631. Thus, the “purpose of summary judgment is to ‘pierce
7 the pleadings and to assess the proof in order to see whether there is a genuine need for trial.’”
8 Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (citations omitted).

9 “In evaluating the evidence to determine whether there is a genuine issue of fact,” the
10 court draws “all reasonable inferences supported by the evidence in favor of the non-moving
11 party.” Walls v. Central Costa County Transit Authority, 653 F.3d 963, 966 (9th Cir. 2011). It is
12 the opposing party’s obligation to produce a factual predicate from which the inference may be
13 drawn. See Richards v. Nielsen Freight Lines, 602 F. Supp. 1224, 1244-45 (E.D. Cal. 1985),
14 aff’d, 810 F.2d 898, 902 (9th Cir. 1987). Finally, to demonstrate a genuine issue, the opposing
15 party “must do more than simply show that there is some metaphysical doubt as to the material
16 facts Where the record taken as a whole could not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the
17 nonmoving party, there is no ‘genuine issue for trial.’” Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587 (citation
18 omitted).

19 On February 2, 2012, the court advised plaintiff of the requirements for opposing a motion
20 pursuant to Rule 56 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. See Rand v. Rowland, 154 F.3d
21 952, 957 (9th Cir. 1998) (en banc), cert. denied, 527 U.S. 1035 (1999), and Klinge v.
22 Eikenberry, 849 F.2d 409 (9th Cir. 1988).

23 V. Facts

24 For purposes of the instant summary judgment motion, the court finds that the following
25 facts are undisputed:¹

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27 ¹ While the parties’ pleadings contain additional facts, both disputed and undisputed, pertaining to
28 the medical history and treatment of plaintiff, the court does not discuss them here because they
are not necessary for resolution of the pending motion for summary judgment.

1 A. Undisputed Facts

- 2 • At all relevant times, Plaintiff Mario Williams (F-96771)
3 was an inmate in the custody of the California Department of
4 Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) and was housed at
California State Prison-Solano (CSP-SOL). ECF No. 14.

5 **Defendant Mefford**

- 6 • At all relevant times, Counselor Mefford was employed at
7 CSP-SOL as a Correctional Health Services Administrator II
8 (CHSA II). ECF No. 42-5 at ¶ 1.
- 9 • As a CHSA II, Counselor Mefford's duties included serving
10 as the administrator of the Correctional Treatment Center. ECF No.
42-5 at ¶ 2.
- 11 • The Correctional Treatment Center provides inpatient health
12 services to inmates who did not require acute care. Id.
- 13 • Counselor Mefford was responsible for planning,
14 organizing, and directing clinical and health services, including
15 radiology, laboratory, physical therapy, environmental, medical
16 records, and food and nutrition. Id.
- 17 • Counselor Mefford worked with medical, custodial, nursing,
18 and mental health managers and administrators to formulate overall
19 policy for health care operations at the facility. Id.
- 20 • Counselor Mefford also worked in conjunction with other
21 health care managers to review and respond to health care appeals
22 and coordinate related inmate grievance matters. Id.
- 23 • One of Counselor Mefford's duties was to respond to
24 inmate grievances at the First Level of Review. Id.
- 25 • However, Counselor Mefford did not respond to the
26 grievance submitted by inmate Mario Williams (F-96771) regarding
27 the treatment of his carpal tunnel injury. Id.
- 28 • The Request for Authorization for Temporary Removal for
Medical Reasons bears Counselor Mefford's printed name, but it
does not bear her signature. Compare ECF No. 42-5 at ¶ 5
(Mefford Declaration) with ECF No. 14 at 40 (authorization form).
- The Request for Authorization of Temporary Removal for
Medical Reasons shows that Williams was being transported
outside of the prison for specialty care. ECF No. 42-5 at ¶ 5; ECF
No. 14 at 40.

Defendant Dr. Traquina

- At all times relevant to William's claims, Dr. Traquina was
employed as Chief Medical Officer (CMO) at California CSP-SOL.
ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 1.

- 1 • As CMO, Dr. Traquina's duties included directing
2 supervision of medical professional practices, medical resource
3 management, medical program management, and the medical
4 delivery system. ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 2.
- 5 • Dr. Traquina's duties included ensuring that the institution
6 conducted clinical aspects of medical programs in accordance with
7 California Prison Healthcare Services requirements and generally
8 accepted medical standards of care. Id.
- 9 • Dr. Traquina's duties also included responding to inmate
10 grievances at the Second Level of Review. Id. at ¶ 3.
- 11 • Dr. Traquina did not respond to the grievance that inmate
12 Mario Williams (F-96771) submitted regarding the treatment of his
13 carpal tunnel injury. Id.
- 14 • The Request for Authorization of Temporary Removal for
15 Medical Reasons shows that Williams was being transported
16 outside of the prison for specialty care. Id.
- 17 • The Request for Authorization of Temporary Removal for
18 Medical Reasons bears Dr. Traquina's printed name, but it does not
19 bear his signature. Id.
- 20 • In a request for interview, dated April 27, 2010, Williams
21 indicated that he had concerns about his medical care. ECF No. 42-
22 7 at ¶ 4; ECF No. 14 at 47.
- 23 • In response to the request for interview, Dr. Traquina's staff
24 was assigned to investigate Williams's concerns. Id.
- 25 • The investigation found that Williams [had] been seen in
26 February and was scheduled for a consultation or procedure in the
27 next month. Id.
- 28 • During the times relevant to Williams's claims, requests for
specialty services were typically made by a patient-inmate's
primary care provider, who would submit a Physician's Request for
Services, CDC Form 7243. ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 6.
- The Physician's Request for Services was initially processed
by the Utilization Management Nurse who entered the information
on the form into the InterQual computer-based database. Id.
- InterQual is a set of medical standards that are clinically
based on best medical practices, clinical data, and medical
literature. Id.
- InterQual criteria are a first-level screening tool that assist
medical providers in determining whether a proposed service is
clinically indicated or if further evaluation of the patient is
necessary. Id.

- 1 • Once a patient's medical information is entered into the
2 database, InterQual indicates whether the requested service or
3 procedure is medically recommended. Id.
- 4 • After entering information from the Physician's Request for
5 Services form, the Utilization Management Nurse would forward
6 the InterQual results to the Chief Physician and Surgeon, who
7 would review the InterQual recommendation. Id.
- 8 • If InterQual indicated that the service or procedure was
9 medically recommended, the Chief Physician and Surgeon would
10 usually approve the request. Id.
- 11 • Once a request for services was approved, an outside
12 scheduler scheduled the procedure with the provider. Id.
- 13 • The scheduling of outside medical services was performed
14 by non-medical personnel. ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 7.
- 15 • If the Physician's Request for Services was denied, the
16 primary care physician could appeal the denial to the Medical
17 Authorization Review Committee (MAR). Id. at ¶ 6.
- 18 • If the MAR denied the request, it went to the final level of
19 review, the Health Care Review Subcommittee. Id.

14 **CEO Austin**

- 15 • At all relevant times, Defendant Austin was employed as
16 Chief Executive Officer, Health Care Services (CEO) at CSP-SOL.
17 ECF No. 42-6 at ¶ 1.
- 18 • As CEO, Defendant Austin was responsible for
19 administratively coordinating the twenty-four hour a day, seven-
20 days a week operation of health care services at CSP-SOL. Id. at ¶
21 2.
- 22 • Austin was responsible for establishing and maintaining a
23 management program that ensured that health care services comply
24 with appropriate standards, legal mandates, and strategic plans. Id.
- 25 • Austin worked with custody, medical, mental health, dental,
26 nursing, other health care managers, and the Warden to ensure
27 compassionate, safe, timely, effective, efficient, and patient-
28 centered care. Id.
- Austin also supervised program managers responsible for
administrative service functions within the institution. Id.

26 B. **Purportedly Disputed Facts**

27 Although plaintiff denies the accuracy of defendants' statement of facts pertaining to the
28 defendants' lack of responsibility for approving or scheduling surgeries as well as their general

1 unawareness of the medical needs of individual inmates, there is no conflicting evidence on this
2 point. Plaintiff merely cites to the general Duty Statements for the positions held by the
3 defendants, which describe the overall responsibilities and desirable qualifications for such
4 positions. See ECF Nos. 42-5 at 4-7; 42-6 at 2; 42-7 at 5-8. This evidence does not contradict the
5 defendants' specific declarations that they were not responsible for scheduling plaintiff's carpal
6 tunnel surgery and that they did not personally review the request to temporarily remove plaintiff
7 from the prison for medical reasons. See ECF Nos. 42-5 at 2; 42-6 at 4-6; 42-7 at 3; 43 at 9-10.
8 Therefore, the court deems the following additional facts undisputed.

9 **Defendant Mefford**

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- 11 • Counselor Mefford was not responsible for approving or scheduling surgeries or other medical services. Id. at ¶ 3.
 - 12 • As a CHSA II, Counselor Mefford was generally not aware of the medical needs of individual inmates. Id. at ¶ 4.
 - 13 • Counselor Mefford did not review the Request for Authorization of Temporary Removal for Medical Reasons attached to William's Third Amend[ed] Complaint. ECF No. 14 at 40; ECF No. 42-5 at ¶ 5.

16 **Defendant Dr. Traquina**

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- 18 • As CMO, Dr. Traquina was not generally aware of the medical needs of individual inmates. Id.
 - 19 • Dr. Traquina did not review the Request for Authorization of Temporary Removal for Medical Reasons attached to Williams's Third Amended Complaint. ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 4; ECF No. 14 at 40.
 - 20 • As CMO, Dr. Traquina was not responsible for approving or scheduling surgeries. Id. at ¶ 7.
 - 21 • Requests for surgery were reviewed by the Chief Physician and Surgeon, not the CMO. Id.

24 **CEO Austin**

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- 26 • Defendant Austin was not responsible for approving or scheduling surgeries or other medical services. Id. at ¶ 3.
 - 27 • As CEO, Defendant Austin was not generally aware of the medical needs of individual inmates. She did not participate in the inmate appeal process or review request for health care services. Id. at ¶ 4.

1 While plaintiff denies defendants' assertions that they did not become aware of plaintiff's
2 dissatisfaction with his medical care until they were served with the complaint in the instant case,
3 he has produced no evidence to the contrary. See ECF No. 43 at 10-11. Specifically, plaintiff's
4 health care appeal form and a memorandum dated May 10, 2010 from Defendant Austin's
5 Administrative Assistant, Alice LaVergne, does not demonstrate that any of the defendants had
6 prior knowledge of his need for carpal tunnel surgery. See ECF No. 14 at 48, 60-61. Therefore,
7 the following additional facts are deemed undisputed by the court.

8 • Counselor Mefford did not become aware of Williams's
9 dissatisfaction with the medical care he received while housed at
10 CSP-SOL until being notified that she was named as a defendant in
11 this lawsuit. ECF No. 42-5 at ¶ 6.

12 • Dr. Traquina did not become aware of Williams's
13 dissatisfaction with the medical care he received while housed at
14 CSP-SOL until being notified that he was named as a defendant in
15 this lawsuit. ECF No. 42-7 at ¶ 5.

16 • Defendant Austin did not become aware of Williams's
17 dissatisfaction with the medical care he received while housed at
18 CSP-SOL until receiving notification that she was named as a
19 defendant in this lawsuit.

20 VI. Analysis

21 The Civil Rights Act under which this action was filed provides that:

22 Every person who, under color of [state law] ... subjects, or causes
23 to be subjected, any citizen of the United States ... to the
24 deprivation of any rights, privileges, or immunities secured by the
25 Constitution ... shall be liable to the party injured in an action at
26 law, suit in equity, or other proper proceeding for redress.

27 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The statute requires that there be an actual connection or link between the
28 actions of the defendants and the plaintiff's alleged deprivation. Rizzo v. Goode, 423 U.S. 362,
371 (1976). "A person 'subjects' another to the deprivation of a constitutional right, within the
meaning of § 1983, if he does an affirmative act, participates in another's affirmative acts or omits
to perform an act which he is legally required to do that causes the deprivation of which
complaint is made." Johnson v. Duffy, 588 F.2d 740, 743 (9th Cir. 1978). Supervisory personnel
are customarily not liable under § 1983 for the actions of their employees under a theory of
respondeat superior. Thus, when a named defendant holds a supervisory position, the causal

1 link between him and the claimed constitutional violation must be specifically alleged. See Fayle
2 v. Stapley, 607 F.2d 858, 862 (9th Cir. 1979); Mosher v. Saalfeld, 589 F.2d 438, 441 (9th Cir.
3 1978). “Supervisors can be held liable for: (1) their own culpable action or inaction in the
4 training, supervision, or control of subordinates; (2) their acquiescence in the constitutional
5 deprivation of which a complaint is made; or (3) for conduct that showed a reckless or callous
6 indifference to the rights of others.” Cunningham v. Gates, 229 F.3d 1271, 1292 (9th Cir. 2000)
7 (citing Larez v. City of Los Angeles, 946 F.2d 630, 646 (9th Cir. 1991)). Accordingly, to
8 establish liability, plaintiff must offer specific facts to satisfy one of the prongs. Vague and
9 conclusory allegations concerning an official's involvement in civil rights violations are not
10 sufficient. See Ivey v. Bd. of Regents, 673 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir. 1982).

11 In the present case, there exists no issue of material fact linking the actions of the
12 defendants to the alleged violation of plaintiff’s Eighth Amendment rights. Put simply, plaintiff
13 has sued the wrong individuals. The undisputed material facts demonstrate that Defendant
14 Mefford had no personal participation in the delay in scheduling plaintiff’s carpal tunnel surgery.
15 See Johnson v. Duffy, 588 F.2d 740, 743-44 (9th Cir. 1978) (stating that “ § 1983 liability can be
16 established not only by “some kind of direct personal participation in the deprivation, but also by
17 setting in motion a series of acts by others which the actor knows or reasonably should know
18 would cause others to inflict the constitutional injury.”). Her pre-printed name appears on the
19 form requesting authorization for plaintiff’s temporary removal on February 1, 2010 for a follow-
20 up appointment for carpal tunnel syndrome, but her undisputed affidavit indicates that she never
21 signed nor saw the form prior to the commencement of the present litigation. See ECF No. 42-5
22 at 2. As a result, she had no knowledge that plaintiff had been wait-listed for carpal tunnel
23 surgery, much less that his medical condition was emergent. For this reason, the undersigned
24 recommends granting the summary judgment motion as to Defendant Mefford.

25 Likewise, there is no material fact in dispute concerning Defendant Austin’s lack of
26 personal participation. The only relevant evidence pertaining to this defendant consists of a
27 memorandum sent to plaintiff from Austin’s administrative assistant dated May 10, 2010
28 indicating that plaintiff was scheduled for surgery “in the next 60 days.” See ECF No. 14 at 48.

1 This is insufficient to establish Defendant Austin's personal knowledge or participation in the
2 scheduling of plaintiff's hand surgery. See Ivey v. Bd. of Regents, 673 F.2d 266, 268 (9th Cir.
3 1982) (stating that vague and conclusory allegations are not sufficient). The only relevant fact it
4 establishes is that Defendant Austin's office received a letter from plaintiff and that a member of
5 her staff responded to it. Accordingly, the motion for summary judgment should be granted as to
6 Defendant Austin.

7 As to Defendant Dr. Traquina, the only evidence connecting him to the delay in plaintiff's
8 surgery is a memorandum dated April 27, 2010 that he signed indicating that plaintiff was
9 scheduled for surgery in the next month. ECF No. 14 at 47. This memorandum was sent in
10 response to plaintiff's requests for interview dated April 22, 2010 and April 26, 2010. Id. Based
11 on these undisputed dates in the record, there was approximately one month between the date of
12 Defendant Traquina's knowledge of plaintiff's medical issue and the resulting surgery to address
13 it. As the Chief Medical Officer of CSP-SOL, Defendant Dr. Traquina is only liable if he was
14 responsible for failing to train or control his subordinates, acquiesced in the constitutional
15 deprivation, or engaged in personal conduct that showed a reckless or callous indifference to the
16 rights of others. See Cunningham, 229 F.3d at 1292. Here there is no allegation of a failure to
17 train by Defendant Dr. Traquina. See ECF No. 14. The undisputed material facts demonstrate
18 that his personal conduct did not amount to a reckless or callous indifference to plaintiff's Eighth
19 Amendment rights. Therefore, the undersigned recommends granting the summary judgment
20 motion as to Defendant Dr. Traquina.

21 It should be noted that these deficiencies were pointed out to plaintiff in this court's order
22 screening the second amended complaint. ECF No. 13. Rather than amending his complaint to
23 name the proper defendants, however, plaintiff persisted with his allegations that these three
24 defendants were personally responsible. The undisputed evidence establishes otherwise.

25 VII. Conclusion

26 Because the record taken as a whole could not lead a rational trier of fact to find for the
27 plaintiff, there is no genuine issue for trial. See Matsushita, 475 U.S. at 587. Accordingly,
28 defendants have established that they are entitled to judgment as a matter of law because

1 defendants did not personally participate in any constitutional violation. Consequently, the
2 undersigned finds it unnecessary to reach the additional four grounds raised in defendants'
3 summary judgment motion.

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that defendants' motion to strike plaintiff's
5 evidence (ECF No. 45) be granted in part and denied in part as indicated herein.

6 IT IS FURTHER RECOMMENDED that:

- 7 1. Defendants' motion for summary judgment (ECF No. 42) be granted; and,
- 8 2. This civil action be dismissed with prejudice.

9 These findings and recommendations are submitted to the United States District Judge
10 assigned to the case, pursuant to the provisions of 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1). Within twenty-one days
11 after being served with these findings and recommendations, any party may file written
12 objections with the court and serve a copy on all parties. Such a document should be captioned
13 "Objections to Magistrate Judge's Findings and Recommendations." Any response to the
14 objections shall be served and filed within fourteen days after service of the objections. The
15 parties are advised that failure to file objections within the specified time may waive the right to
16 appeal the District Court's order. Martinez v. Ylst, 951 F.2d 1153 (9th Cir. 1991).

17 DATED: May 7, 2014

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20 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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