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Examination of the above-entitled actions reveals that these cases are related within the meaning of Local Rule 123(a). The actions involve the same parties and are based on the same or similar questions of fact and law. The petitioners were co-defendants in the underlying criminal action. Accordingly, assignment of these matters to the same judge is likely to effect a substantial saving of judicial effort and is also likely to be convenient for the parties.

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result that the related cases are assigned to the same judge; no consolidation of the actions is effected. Under the regular practice of this court, related cases are generally assigned to the judge and magistrate judge to whom the first filed action was assigned. This order is issued for informational purposes only, and shall have no effect on the status of the cases.

Therefore, IT IS ORDERED that the actions denominated as 2: 12-cv-2644 KJM DAD P and 2:12-cv-2857 KJM CKD P are reassigned to the undersigned and to Magistrate Judge Kendall J. Newman for all further proceedings. Henceforth, the caption on documents filed in the reassigned cases shall be shown as No. 2:12-cv-2644 JAM KJN P, and 2:12-cv-2857 JAM KJN P.

IT IS FURTHER ORDERED that the Clerk of the Court make appropriate adjustment in the assignment of civil cases to compensate for this reassignment.

/s/ John A. Mendez_____

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE