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

10 WILLIE WALKER,

Plaintiff, No. 2:13-cv-0890 MCE DAD PS

12 vs.

SUNTRUST MORTGAGE INC., ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

Defendant.

Plaintiff Willie Walker is proceeding in this action pro se. The action has therefore been referred to the undersigned pursuant to Local Rule 302(c)(21) for all purposes encompassed by that rule.

This matter came before the court on June 28, 2013, for hearing of defendant's motion to dismiss. John Calvagna, Esq. appeared telephonically for defendant Suntrust Mortgage, Inc. Despite being served with notice of the motion plaintiff did not file written opposition or a statement of non-opposition to the motion to dismiss and did not appear at the hearing of the motion, nor did anyone appear on her behalf.

Pursuant to the Local Rules of Practice for the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California, opposition, if any, to the granting of a motion "shall be in writing and shall be filed and served not less than fourteen (14) days preceding the noticed (or continued)

hearing date." Local Rule 230(c). "No party will be entitled to be heard in opposition to a motion at oral arguments if opposition to the motion has not been timely filed by that party." Id. Failure to appear at the hearing of a properly noticed motion may be deemed withdrawal of any written opposition that was timely filed, in the discretion of the court, or may result in the imposition of sanctions. Local Rule 230(i). Failure of a party to comply with the Local Rules or any order of the court "may be grounds for imposition by the Court of any and all sanctions authorized by statute or Rule or within the inherent power of the Court." Local Rule 110. Any individual representing himself or herself without an attorney is bound by the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, the Local Rules, and all applicable law. Local Rule 183(a). Failure to comply with applicable rules and law may be grounds for dismissal or any other sanction appropriate under the Local Rules. Id.

Here, plaintiff has failed to comply with Local Rule 230. In light of plaintiff's prose status and in the interests of justice, the court will provide plaintiff with an opportunity to show good cause for her conduct along with a final opportunity to oppose defendant's motion.

Accordingly, the court HEREBY ORDERS that plaintiff show cause in writing within fourteen days of the date of this order why this case should not be dismissed for lack of prosecution. Failure to <u>timely</u> file the required writing will result in a recommendation that this case be dismissed.¹

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

DATED: July 3, 2013.

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¹ Alternatively, plaintiff may comply with this order by filing a notice of voluntary dismissal pursuant to Rule 41(a) of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure.