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

10 MONTRELL HALL,

11 Petitioner,

No. 2:13-cv-1035 EFB P

12 vs.

13 T. VIRGA,

14 Respondent.

ORDER

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16 Petitioner is a state prisoner without counsel seeking a writ of habeas corpus. *See* 28
17 U.S.C. § 2254. However, petitioner has commenced this action in the wrong district.

18 Petitioner was convicted in the Contra Costa County Superior Court, but is confined at
19 California State Prison, Sacramento. Although this court and the United States District Court in
20 the district where petitioner was convicted both have jurisdiction, *see Braden v. 30th Judicial*
21 *Circuit Court*, 410 U.S. 484, 499-500 (1973), witnesses and evidence necessary for the
22 resolution of petitioner's application are more readily available in the county of conviction, *id.* at
23 499 n. 15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d). Therefore, the court transfers this action to the United States
24 District Court for the Northern District of California. 28 U.S.C. §§ 84(a); 1404(a).

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1 Accordingly, it is ORDERED that this action is transferred to the United States District
2 Court for the Northern District of California.

3 Dated: June 3, 2013.

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5 EDMUND F. BRENNAN
6 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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