RONALD CANADA,

Plaintiff.

v.

DOCTOR HAMKAR,

Defendant.

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Plaintiff is a state prisoner, proceeding without counsel. On June 7, 2017, this action was temporarily stayed pending plaintiff's release from the custody of the Department of State Hospitals and the return of his legal materials. On June 12, 2017, plaintiff filed a motion for court order for legal materials, along with a notice of change of address to Kern Valley State Prison,

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

**ORDER** 

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court order to send legal materials, signed June 4, 2017, and sent from the California Medical

Facility. Because plaintiff's second motion is now superseded by his first motion, filed after he

arrived at Kern Valley, his second motion is denied as moot. On June 19, 2017, plaintiff filed a

stating he was transferred on June 7, 2017. On June 15, 2017, plaintiff filed a second motion for

25 motion to temporarily stay this action pending receipt of his legal materials. However, because

26 this action was stayed temporarily on June 7, 2017, plaintiff's motion is moot and is denied.

Because plaintiff arrived at Kern Valley on June 7, 2017, he must first request the return of his legal materials from prison officials. In this court's experience, it may take a few weeks for

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an inmate's personal property and legal materials to be returned after transfer. Plaintiff must use the procedures in place at Kern Valley State Prison to seek return of his legal materials, and seek the court's assistance only if such procedures are unavailing. Therefore, his motion is denied without prejudice to its renewal.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. Plaintiff's motions (ECF Nos. 53 & 54) are denied as moot;
- 2. Plaintiff's motion for return of his legal materials (ECF no. 51) is denied without prejudice.

Dated: June 21, 2017

KENDALL J. NEWMAN

UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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