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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 JAMES ARTHUR HILL,

12 Plaintiff,

13 vs.

14 CDCR,

15 Defendant.  
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1:13-cv-01752-GSA-PC

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE

17 James Arthur Hill ("Plaintiff") is a state prisoner proceeding pro se and in forma  
18 pauperis in this civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. Plaintiff filed the Complaint  
19 commencing this action on October 3, 2013, at the United States District Court for the Northern  
20 District of California. (Doc. 1.) On October 21, 2013, as instructed by the Court, Plaintiff re-  
21 submitted the Complaint on the Court's form. (Doc. 8.) On October 29, 2013, the case was  
22 transferred to the Fresno Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of  
23 California. (Doc. 12.)

24 On May 8, 2014, the Court issued an order dismissing the Complaint for failure to state  
25 a claim, with leave to amend. (Doc. 22.) On May 27, 2014, Plaintiff filed the First Amended  
26 Complaint, which is now before the court for screening. (Doc. 24.)

27 It is apparent from a reading of Plaintiff's allegations in the First Amended Complaint  
28 that the center of gravity of this case is in the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of

1 California, and any relationship with the Fresno Division is minimal. Plaintiff is presently  
2 incarcerated at Pleasant Valley State Prison (PVSP) in Coalinga, California, which is located in  
3 the Fresno Division. However, the majority of the events at issue in the First Amended  
4 Complaint occurred at Mule Creek State Prison (MCSP) in Ione, California, when Plaintiff was  
5 incarcerated there. MCSP is located in Sacramento County, which is part of the Sacramento  
6 Division. All except one of the individual named defendants reside in the Sacramento  
7 Division.<sup>1</sup> For these reasons, this case should be transferred to the Sacramento Division of the  
8 Eastern Division of California. Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil action which has not been  
9 commenced in the proper court may, on the Court's own motion, be transferred to the proper  
10 court.

11 Accordingly, good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 12 1. This case is transferred to the Sacramento Division of the United States District  
13 Court for the Eastern District of California; and
- 14 2. All future filings shall refer to the new Sacramento case number assigned and  
15 shall be filed at:

16 United States District Court  
17 Eastern District of California  
18 501 "I" Street, Suite 4-200  
19 Sacramento, CA 95814

20 IT IS SO ORDERED.

21 Dated: March 17, 2015

22 /s/ Gary S. Austin  
23 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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27 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff names as defendants the California Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation, L.  
28 Clark-Barlow (Nurse Practitioner, MCSP), Dr. N. Dhaliwal (Medical Doctor, MCSP), W. David Smiley (Health  
Care CEO, MCSP), S. Robert (Registered Nurse, MCSP), Dr. J. Chokatos (Medical Doctor, PVSP), and J. Smith  
(SSM I, Litigation Support Unit, Elk Grove, California).