

served with process. However, plaintiff has filed the required documents showing that he has provided the U.S. Marshal with the materials needed to effect service in both cases. The court will therefore continue the joint status conference for 90 days, to give the U.S. Marshal sufficient time to serve process, and for defendants to respond and to prepare for the conference.

II. OPERATIVE COMPLAINT

On August 23, 2016, plaintiff filed Third Amended Complaints in both cases. See Douglas v. City of Sacramento, 2:16-cv-0375, ECF No. 19; Douglas v. County of Sacramento, 2:16-cv-0415, ECF No. 17. These amended complaints will be stricken from the docket, because: (1) in neither case did plaintiff obtain the required leave to file an amended complaint, see Fed. R. Civ. P. 15(a)(2); and (2) in both cases, the amended complaints assert federal claims against municipal defendants, even though those claims were previously dismissed from the cases with prejudice, and the municipal defendants were dismissed without prejudice to renewal of the state claims against them in an appropriate state forum.

Accordingly, the operative complaint in each case is the "Second Amended Complaint," filed on May 25, 2016 in both cases.

III. CONCLUSION

For the reasons set forth above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. The December 14, 2016 joint Status (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference is CONTINUED to March 15, 2017, at 10:00 a.m., before the undersigned. The instructions set forth in the scheduling conference order in 16-cv-0375, ECF No. 24 ¶¶ 4-6, apply to both cases.
- 2. The parties are cautioned that failure to timely file status reports or to otherwise comply with the above-referenced scheduling conference order may result in sanctions, including a recommendation for dismissal or judgment.
- The Third Amended Complaint in <u>Douglas v. City of Sacramento</u>, 2:16-cv-0375 (ECF No. 19), is ordered STRICKEN from the docket;

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4. The Third Amended Complaint in <u>Douglas v. County of Sacramento</u>, 2:16-cv-0415 (ECF No. 17), is ordered STRICKEN from the docket. DATED: December 9, 2016 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE