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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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SCOTT JOHNSON,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
JARNAIL SINGH BASSI; and Does  
1-10,  
Defendants.

CIV. NO. 2:16-2059 WBS DB  
ORDER REFERRING CASE TO VDRP AND  
STAYING PROCEEDINGS

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The court has determined that this case is appropriate for an early settlement conference and will refer the action to the court's Voluntary Dispute Resolution Program ("VDRP").

IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that:

1. Within fourteen (14) days of this Order, the parties shall contact the court's VDRP administrator, Sujean Park, at (916) 930-4278 or SPark@caed.uscourts.gov, to start the process of selecting an appropriate neutral. The parties shall carefully review and comply with Local Rule 271, which outlines the specifications and requirements of the VDRP.

1           2. Any party that objects to this referral to the  
2 VDRP shall file its objections within seven (7) days of this  
3 Order. Such objections shall clearly outline why that party  
4 believes that the action is not appropriate for referral to the  
5 VDRP.

6           3. To avoid the unnecessary expenditure of costs and  
7 attorneys' fees, this action is hereby stayed to provide the  
8 parties time to complete the VDRP session. No later than five  
9 (5) days after completion of the VDRP session, the parties shall  
10 file a joint statement indicating whether a settlement was  
11 reached.

12           4. The parties shall complete the VDRP session no  
13 later than February 24, 2017. The court hereby resets the Status  
14 (Pretrial Scheduling) Conference for March 27, 2017. If a  
15 settlement is not reached through VDRP, the parties shall submit  
16 an Amended Joint Status Report no later than March 13, 2017.

17           IT IS SO ORDERED.

18 Dated: January 4, 2017

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20 **WILLIAM B. SHUBB**  
21 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE**