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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

GARY RAY BETTENCOURT,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
BRIAN McCABE, et al.,  
Defendants.

No. 2:17-cv-0888 DB P

ORDER

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis. In his complaint, plaintiff alleges violations of his civil rights by defendants. The alleged violations took place in Merced County, which is part of the Fresno Division of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. See Local Rule 120(d).

Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil action which has not been commenced in the proper division of a court may, on the court’s own motion, be transferred to the proper division of the court. Therefore, this action will be transferred to the Fresno Division of the court. In light of 1996 amendments to 28 U.S.C. § 1915, this court will not rule on plaintiff’s request to proceed in forma pauperis.

Good cause appearing, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 1. This court has not ruled on plaintiff’s request to proceed in forma pauperis;

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2. This action is transferred to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California sitting in Fresno; and

3. All future filings shall reference the new Fresno case number assigned and shall be filed at:

United States District Court  
Eastern District of California  
2500 Tulare Street  
Fresno, CA 93721

DATED: May 8, 2017

/s/ DEBORAH BARNES  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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