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**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

KASEY F. HOFFMAN and CHANCE M. SIMONI,                      Case No. 1:17-cv-01113-LJO-SKO  
Plaintiffs,    **ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE**

v.

DEENA BOVEE, CASEY M. SIMONI, and  
LASSEN FAMILY SERVICES,  
Defendants.

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On August 18, 2017, Plaintiffs Kasey F. Hoffman and Chance M. Simoni filed a complaint against Defendants Deena Bovee, Casey M. Simoni, and Lassen Family Services, along with an application to proceed *in forma pauperis*. (Docs. 1 & 2.) The complaint purports to allege claims pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and the Indian Child Welfare Act for deprivations of due process and equal protection, apparently arising from a custody dispute with Defendant Casey M. Simoni.

It is apparent from a reading of Plaintiffs’ allegations in the complaint that the gravamen of this case arose in the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California, and any

1 relationship with the Fresno Division is minimal. Plaintiff Kasey F. Hoffman is presently  
2 incarcerated at the California Substance Abuse Treatment Facility in Corcoran, California, which  
3 is located in the Fresno Division. However, the events at issue in the complaint occurred in  
4 Lassen County, which is part of the Sacramento Division. All of the named defendants appear to  
5 reside in the Sacramento Division. For these reasons, this case should be transferred to the  
6 Sacramento Division of the Eastern Division of California.<sup>1</sup> Pursuant to Local Rule 120(f), a civil  
7 action which has not been commenced in the proper court may, on the Court's own motion, be  
8 transferred to the proper court.

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

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

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

18 This Court has not ruled on Plaintiffs' request to proceed *in forma pauperis* (Doc. 2).

19 IT IS SO ORDERED.

20 Dated: August 23, 2017

21 /s/ Sheila H. Oberto  
22 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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26 <sup>1</sup> Plaintiff Kasey F. Hoffman has filed several cases in the Sacramento Division of the U.S. District Court for the  
27 Eastern District of California asserting claims against Lassen County, Lassen Child Family Services, Ms. Bovee, Ms.  
28 Simoni, and other agencies in Lassen County. (*See, e.g., Hoffman v. Lassen County*, 2:15-cv-01382-GEB-DB (PC) (E.D. Cal. 2015); *Hoffman v. Lassen Adult Detention Facility*, 2:15-cv-01558-JAM-KJN (PC) (E.D. Cal. 2015); *Hoffman v. Lassen County*, 2:16-cv-00946-JAM-AC (PS) (E.D. Cal. 2016); *Hoffman v. Lassen County*, 2:17-cv-01734-WBS-EFB (E.D. Cal. 2017)). As of the date of this Order, Plaintiff has 14 pending cases in the Sacramento and Fresno Divisions of the U.S. District Court for the Eastern District of California.