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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

NOEL KEITH WATKINS,
Petitioner,
v.
J. FOX,
Respondent.

No. 2:18-cv-0239 KJN P

ORDER

Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed an application for a writ of habeas corpus pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2254, together with a request to proceed in forma pauperis.

The application attacks a conviction issued by the Superior Court of California in Contra Costa County. While both this court and the United States District Court in the district where petitioner was convicted have jurisdiction, see Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484 (1973), any and all witnesses and evidence necessary for the resolution of petitioner’s application are more readily available in Contra Costa County. Id. at 499 n.15; 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d).

Accordingly, in the furtherance of justice, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

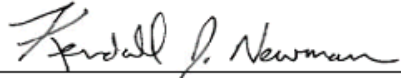
1. This court has not ruled on petitioner’s application to proceed in forma pauperis; and

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2. This matter is transferred to the United States District Court for the Northern District of California.

Dated: February 7, 2018


KENDALL J. NEWMAN
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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