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

APRIL LINDBLOM, et al.,

1:15-cv-00990-BAM

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER DECLINING TO RELATE
CASES**

v.

(ECF No. 143)

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA, INC.,

Defendant.

VICKI BLAKELY, et al.,

2:18-cv-01647-WBS-EFB

Plaintiffs,

**ORDER DECLINING TO RELATE
CASES**

v.

(ECF No. 6)

SANTANDER CONSUMER USA, INC.,

Defendant.

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The Court has received and reviewed the Notices of Related Case filed in these matters. ECF No. 143, *Lindblom v. Santander Consumer USA, Inc.*, 1:15-cv-990 BAM; ECF No. 6, *Blakely et al. v. Santander Consumer USA, Inc.*, Case No. 2:18-cv-01647-WBS-EFB. As the Chief Judge, the undersigned has determined that it is inappropriate to relate or reassign the cases at this time, and therefore declines to do so. *See* Local Rule 123. Among other things, the parties to *Lindblom* have consented to conduct all remaining aspects of that case, including trial, before a United States Magistrate Judge, while the parties to *Blakely* have yet to do so, making it infeasible to reassign *Blakely* to the magistrate judge assigned to the lower-numbered *Lindblom* case. In addition, given the substantial

1 expenditure of judicial resources by the magistrate judge assigned to *Lindblom*, it would be inefficient to
2 reassign *Lindblom* to the district judge handling *Blakely*. This Order is issued for informational purposes
3 only and shall have no effect on the status of the cases.

4 IT IS SO ORDERED.

5 Dated: October 17, 2019

/s/ Lawrence J. O'Neill
UNITED STATES CHIEF DISTRICT JUDGE

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