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

SHELDON DALE WILLIAMS, JR.,

Plaintiff,

v.

K. ANCHETA, et al.,

Defendants.

No. 2:20-cv-1747-TLN-DMC-P

**ORDER SETTING SETTLEMENT  
CONFERENCE**

The court has determined that this case will benefit from a settlement conference. Therefore, this case will be referred to Magistrate Judge Jeremy D. Peterson to conduct a settlement conference on November 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be conducted by remote means, with all parties appearing by Zoom video conference. The Court will issue the necessary transportation order in due course.

Counsel for the defendant(s) is directed to contact the court via [ncannarozzi@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:ncannarozzi@caed.uscourts.gov), one week prior to the scheduled settlement conference to report on the institution's ability, in light of any COVID 19 restrictions, to produce the inmate for a remote appearance.

The court expects that the parties will proceed with the settlement conference in good faith and attempt to resolve all or part of the case. If any party believes that the settlement

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2 conference will not be productive, that party shall so inform the court as far in advance of the  
3 settlement conference as possible.

4 In accordance with the above, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that:

- 5 1. This case is set for a settlement conference before Magistrate Judge Jeremy D.  
6 Peterson on November 17, 2021 at 10:00 a.m. The settlement conference will be  
7 conducted by remote means, with all parties appearing by Zoom video conference.
- 8 2. Unless otherwise permitted in advance by the court, the following individuals must  
9 attend the settlement conference: (1) all of the attorney(s) who will try the case; and  
10 (2) individuals with full authority to negotiate and settle the case, on any terms.
- 11 3. No later than one week prior to the settlement conference, each party must submit to  
12 Judge Peterson's chambers at [jdorders@caed.uscourts.gov](mailto:jdorders@caed.uscourts.gov), or by mail at U.S. District  
13 Court, 501 I Street, Sacramento, CA 95814, a confidential settlement conference  
14 statement. These statements should neither be filed on the docket nor served on any  
15 other party. The statements should be marked "CONFIDENTIAL" and should state  
16 the date and time of the conference. The statements should not be lengthy but should  
17 include:
- 18 a. A brief recitation of the facts;
  - 19 b. A discussion of the strengths and weaknesses of the case;
  - 20 c. An itemized estimate of the expected costs for further discovery, pretrial, and  
21 trial matters, in specific dollar terms;
  - 22 d. Your best estimate of the probability that plaintiff will obtain a finding of  
23 liability should this case proceed to trial, in percentage terms;
  - 24 e. Should this case proceed to trial and defendant be found liable, please provide  
25 the following, in specific dollar terms:
    - 26 i. A realistic high-end recovery estimate (i.e., realistic best- or worst-case  
27 scenario);
    - 28 ii. A realistic low-end recovery estimate (i.e., realistic worst- or best-case

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- scenario); and
  - iii. A best estimate of the most likely outcome;
  - f. A history of settlement discussions, including:
    - i. A statement of your expectations for settlement discussions;
    - ii. A listing of any past and present settlement offers from any party (including all terms);
    - iii. Whether your party would consider making the opening offer or demand, and what that offer might be;
  - g. A list of the individuals who will be participating in the settlement conference on your party's behalf, including each participant's name and, if appropriate, title; and
  - h. Identification of any related cases or of any other cases that the parties might wish to discuss at this settlement conference.
4. The Clerk of the Court is directed to serve a copy of this order on the Litigation Office at the California Medical Facility via facsimile at (707) 469-6006 or via email.

Dated: September 8, 2021

  
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DENNIS M. COTA  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE