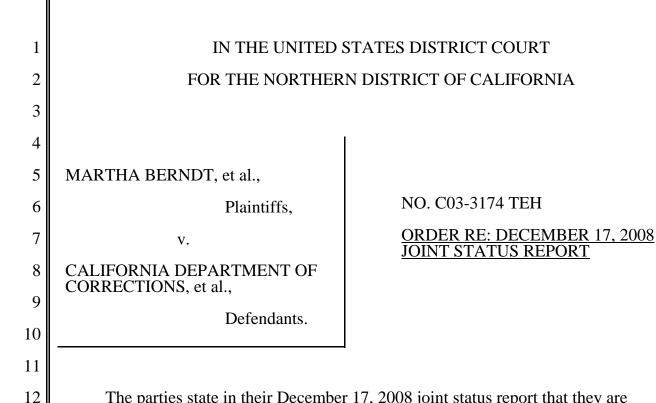
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The parties state in their December 17, 2008 joint status report that they are 13 continuing to meet and confer regarding discovery disputes related to Plaintiffs' motion for 14 class certification. They ask this Court to set a March 23, 2009 case management conference 15 at which any remaining disputes can be resolved. However, this case has been referred to 16 Magistrate Judge Elizabeth Laporte for discovery, and the parties shall therefore bring any remaining discovery disputes before her, rather than before this Court. In lieu of setting a 17 18 case management conference as suggested by the parties, the Court instead orders the parties 19 to file a joint statement by March 16, 2009, indicating the status of discovery, and whether 20 the parties are prepared to agree to a briefing schedule on Plaintiffs' motion for class 21 certification. No appearances shall be necessary unless otherwise ordered.

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- 23 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

25 Dated: 12/19/08

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THELTON E. HENDERSON, JUDGE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT