

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

Northern District of California

Oakland Division

EARL YOUNG,

No. C 09-01042 JSW (LB)

Plaintiff,

v.

**NOTICE OF REFERRAL AND
ORDER RE DISCOVERY
PROCEDURES**T. HOLMES, *et al.*,

Defendants.

TO ALL PARTIES AND COUNSEL OF RECORD:

The district court has referred all discovery to United States Magistrate Judge Laurel Beeler. Referral Order, ECF No. 88 at 1.¹ The district court noted that it was unclear whether there was a pending discovery dispute. *Id.*

If the parties have a current dispute that requires the Court's assistance, the Court directs the parties to comply with the procedures for addressing discovery disputes set forth in Judge Beeler's standing order (attached). Those procedures require, among other things, that if a meet-and-confer by other means does not resolve the parties' dispute, lead counsel for the parties must meet and confer **in person**. If that procedure does not resolve the disagreement, the parties must file a joint letter instead of a formal motion. After reviewing the joint letter, the Court will evaluate whether further proceedings are necessary, including any further briefing or argument.

Additionally, having reviewed the parties' joint letter to Judge White, which was filed as ECF

¹ Citations are to the Electronic Case File ("ECF") with pin cites to the electronic page number at the top of the document, not the pages at the bottom.

No. 87 on November 8, 2011, the Court notes that its discovery order in *Woodson v. Rodriguez*, CV 07-4925 CW (LB), might be instructive.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: November 16, 2011



LAUREL BEELER
United States Magistrate Judge