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1 2 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 7 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 8 9 MICHAEL E. MACKEY, No. C 10-2998 WHA (PR) 10 Petitioner, ORDER OF TRANSFER 11 VS. 12 K. HARRINGTON, 13 Respondent. 14 15 This is a habeas case brought pro se by a state prisoner to challenge denial of parole.

Petitioner was convicted in Solano County Superior Court, which is in the venue of the Eastern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 84. Petitioner is incarcerated in Kern Valley State Prison, in Delano California, which also lies within the venue of the Eastern District. *Ibid*.

Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction are preferably heard in the district of conviction. Habeas L.R. 2254-3(a); *Laue v. Nelson*, 279 F. Supp. 265, 266 (N.D. Cal. 1968). Because petitioner was convicted in Solano County, this case is **Transferred** to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b). The clerk shall terminate any pending motions from this court's docket.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: August <u>30</u>, 2010.

WILLIAM ALSUP UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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