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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

CHARLES WILLIAMS, D-83893,)	
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Petitioner,)	No. C 11-0123 CRB (PR)
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vs.)	ORDER OF TRANSFER
)	
VINCE CULLEN, Acting Warden,)	
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Respondent.)	
_____)	

Petitioner seeks federal habeas review of a conviction and sentence from Los Angeles County Superior Court, which lies within the venue of the Central District of California, Western Division. See 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(2). Petitioner is incarcerated at San Quentin State Prison in Marin County, which lies within the venue of this judicial district. See id. § 84(a).

Venue is proper in a habeas action in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, see id. § 2241(d); however, petitions challenging a conviction and/or sentence preferably are heard in the district of conviction. See Habeas L. R. 2254-3(a); Dannenberg v. Ingle, 831 F. Supp. 767, 767 (N.D. Cal. 1993).

1 Because Los Angeles County lies in the Western Division of the Central District
2 of California, the court ORDERS that pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1404(a) and Habeas Local
3 Rule 2254-3(b), and in the interest of justice, this petition be TRANSFERRED to the
4 United States District Court for the Central District of California, Western Division.

5 The clerk shall transfer this matter and terminate all pending motions as moot.

6 SO ORDERED.

7 DATED: Jan. 18, 2011

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10 CHARLES R. BREYER
11 United States District Judge
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