IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

RICHARD LEE STRAND,

Petitioner,

v.

MIKE MCDONALD, Warden,

Respondent.

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No. C 12-1673 WHA (PR)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

(Docket No. 2)

In this habeas case petitioner seeks to challenge a conviction and sentence incurred in the Superior Court of Solano County. Solano County is in the venue of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. 28 U.S.C. 84(c).

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 Central District, this case is **TRANSFERRED** to the United States District Court for the Central District of California. *See* 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b). Ruling on the request to proceed in forma pauperis will be deferred to the Central District.

The clerk shall transfer this matter forthwith.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: April 27, 2012.

WILLIAM ALSUP
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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