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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

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DENA MARKS,

Case No. [14-cv-02691-JD](#)

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Plaintiff,

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v.

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D.K. JOHNSON,

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Defendant.

ORDER OF TRANSFER

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This is a habeas case filed pro se by a state prisoner. In the nearly 400 page petition, petitioner raises claims regarding the conditions of her confinement and she appears to challenge her underlying conviction as she seeks release from prison. Petitioner was convicted in Sacramento County and is incarcerated in Madera County, both of which lie in the venue of the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

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Venue for a habeas action is proper in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction, 28 U.S.C. § 2241(d); this district is neither. Because 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), and petitioner was convicted in Sacramento 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).¹

¹ If this case were to be construed as a civil rights action, venue would still be proper in the Eastern District. See 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

1 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

2 Dated: October 3, 2014

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4 JAMES DONATO
5 United States District Judge

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27 Honorable JAMES DONATO