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

JUSTIN MERRIMAN,  
Plaintiff,

No. C 15-01715 WHA

v.

OFFICER SMITH, OFFICER TIERNEY,  
OFFICER ROBINSON, DOES 1 to 50,  
Defendants.

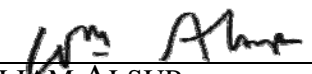
**ORDER GRANTING THE  
STATE OF CALIFORNIA'S  
MOTION FOR LEAVE TO  
FILE *AMICUS CURIAE* BRIEF  
AND DENYING REQUEST  
FOR CONTINUANCE**

Plaintiff seeks leave to amend his complaint to add the State of California as a defendant. A hearing on that motion is scheduled for June 23 at 8:00 a.m. The State seeks leave to file an amicus brief in opposition to plaintiff's motion. The State's motion is hereby **GRANTED.**

Plaintiff seeks to continue the hearing to July 7 allow time to respond to the State's amicus brief; however, counsel for Officer Tierney is not available on that date. In light of the difficulty in scheduling a new hearing date, plaintiff's request is **DENIED.**

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: June 21, 2016.

  
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WILLIAM ALSUP  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE