

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOEL DAVID KAUFMAN,  
Plaintiff,  
v.  
M. E. SPEARMAN, et al.,  
Defendants.

Case No. [15-cv-02777-JD](#)

**ORDER DENYING MOTION FOR  
DEFAULT JUDGMENT;  
STAYING CASE AND REFERRAL  
TO MEDIATION**

Re: Dkt. Nos. 16, 20

Plaintiff, a state prisoner, proceeds with a pro se civil rights complaint under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The parties have filed a joint stipulation stating that a settlement conference would be beneficial. Therefore, this case shall be referred to Magistrate Judge Vadas for a settlement conference pursuant to the Pro Se Prisoner Mediation Program. The conference will take place within **one hundred and twenty days** of the date this order is filed. Magistrate Judge Vadas will coordinate a time and date for a settlement proceedings with all interested parties and/or their representatives and, within **five days** after conclusion of the settlement proceedings, file with the Court a report of the proceedings.

**CONCLUSION**


1. Plaintiff's motion for default judgment (Docket No. 16) is **DENIED** because defendants timely responded to the complaint.
2. The joint motion for a settlement conference (Docket No. 20) is **GRANTED**.
3. The case is referred to Magistrate Judge Vadas for settlement proceedings pursuant to the Pro Se Prisoner Mediation Program. The Clerk will send a copy of this order to Magistrate Judge Vadas in Eureka, California.

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4. In view of the referral, this case is **STAYED** pending the settlement proceedings.

**IT IS SO ORDERED.**

Dated: May 23, 2016

  
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JAMES DONATO  
United States District Judge

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**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**


I, the undersigned, hereby certify that I am an employee in the Office of the Clerk, U.S. District Court, Northern District of California.

That on May 23, 2016, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle located in the Clerk's office.

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Dated: May 23, 2016

Susan Y. Soong  
Clerk, United States District Court

By:   
LISA R. CLARK, Deputy Clerk to the  
Honorable JAMES DONATO