Ward v. Gastello et al

## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JOHNNY L. WARD,

Plaintiff,

v.

WARDEN J. GASTELLO, et al.,

Defendants.

Case No. 16-cv-2776-MEJ (PR)

ORDER OF TRANSFER

Plaintiff has filed a pro se civil rights action pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 describing events leading to his criminal conviction in Madera County, California. Madera County is located within the venue of the Eastern District of California. See 28 U.S.C. § 84(b). No defendant is alleged to reside in, and none of the events or omissions giving rise to the complaint occurred in, the Northern District. Venue therefore is proper in the Eastern District, and not in this one. See 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

Accordingly, in the interests of justice and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), this action is TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California. The Clerk of the Court is directed to transfer the case forthwith. In view of the transfer, the Court will not rule upon plaintiff's request for leave to proceed in forma pauperis or motion for appointment of counsel.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: June 9, 2016

MARIA-ELENA JAMES United States Magistrate Judge