28

1 2 3 4 5 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 6 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA 7 8 9 TIMOTHY MCCARTHY III, 10 Plaintiff. No. C 16-06782 WHA 11 v. 12 **ORDER DENYING MOTION** SCOTT GEIST, individually and in his capacity as a Deputy Sheriff for the Contra Costa County TO COMPEL DEPOSITION 13 Sheriff's Department; and DOES 1–50, inclusive, **TESTIMONY** individually, jointly and severally, 14 Defendants. 15 16 Even though discovery has closed in this action, plaintiff moves to compel deposition 17 testimony from third-party witness Ryan Montoya (Dkt. No. 70). Deputy Montoya is a former 18 defendant, but a prior order dismissed him in September 2017 (Dkt. No. 34). The Court has 19 reviewed the motion and determined that no reply is necessary. There are two problems with 20 plaintiff's motion. First, the witness was not subpoenaed prior to the discovery cutoff (or at 21 all). Second, attempted service upon defense counsel is insufficient, as counsel is not obligated 22 to accept service on behalf of third-parties. The Court has extended numerous opportunities to 23 plaintiff to plead his best case, but this order will not reopen discovery. Motion **DENIED**. 24 25 IT IS SO ORDERED. 26 Dated: May 2, 2018. 27

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE