

United States District Court  
For the Northern District of California

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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

LESTER C. RUSSELL,  
Petitioner,

No. C 10-03151 SBA (PR)

**ORDER OF TRANSFER**

v.

ROCHELLE HAO,  
Respondent.

Petitioner, a state prisoner, has filed a pro se petition for a writ of habeas corpus.

Federal statute allows "the Supreme Court, any justice thereof, the district courts and any circuit judge" to grant writs of habeas corpus "within their respective jurisdictions." 28 U.S.C. § 2241(a). A federal petition for a writ of habeas corpus made by a person in custody under the judgment and sentence of a state court is properly filed in either the district of confinement or the district of conviction. Id. § 2241(d). Where a case is filed in the wrong venue, the district court has the discretion to transfer it to the proper federal court "in the interest of justice." See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

Here, Petitioner challenges a conviction and sentence incurred in the Sacramento County Superior Court, which is in the venue of the Eastern District of California. See 28 U.S.C. § 84. Accordingly, that is the proper venue for this action.

Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) and Habeas L.R. 2254-3(b), and in the interest of justice, the Clerk of the Court is ordered to TRANSFER this action forthwith to the United States District Court for the Eastern District of California.

All pending motions are TERMINATED on this Court's docket as no longer pending in this district.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: 8/9/10

  
SAUNDRA BROWN ARMSTRONG  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

1 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
2 FOR THE  
3 NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

4 LESTER C. RUSSELL,

5 Plaintiff,

6 v.

7 / et al,

8 Defendant.

Case Number: CV10-03151 SBA

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

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

11 That on August 9, 2010, I SERVED a true and correct copy(ies) of the attached, by placing said  
12 copy(ies) in a postage paid envelope addressed to the person(s) hereinafter listed, by depositing said  
13 envelope in the U.S. Mail, or by placing said copy(ies) into an inter-office delivery receptacle  
14 located in the Clerk's office.

15 Lester C. Russell AD3735  
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18 Tracy, CA 95378-0600

19 Dated: August 9, 2010

Richard W. Wieking, Clerk  
By: LISA R CLARK, Deputy Clerk

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