

1 Petitioner was convicted in Riverside County Superior Court,
2 which lies within the venue of the Central District of California.
3 See 28 U.S.C. § 84(c)(1). Further, he is incarcerated at Kern
4 Valley State Prison, which is located in Kern County and lies
5 within the venue of the Eastern District of California. See 28
6 U.S.C. § 84(b). Thus, jurisdiction over the petition exists in
7 either the Central District or the Eastern District, but not in the
8 Northern District.

9 If Petitioner seeks to challenge his state court conviction,
10 jurisdiction is more appropriate in the United States District
11 Court for the Central District of California. If he seeks to
12 challenge a parole eligibility decision, jurisdiction is more
13 appropriate in the United States District Court for the Eastern
14 District of California.


15 Additionally, if Petitioner seeks to challenge the conditions
16 of his confinement at Kern Valley State Prison, he must file a
17 civil rights complaint in the Eastern District. See 28 U.S.C.
18 § 1391(b).

19 For the foregoing reasons, the petition is DISMISSED without
20 prejudice to Petitioner's refileing a petition and/or civil rights
21 complaint in the appropriate court.

22 The Clerk of the Court shall enter judgment and close the
23 file.

24 IT IS SO ORDERED.

25 Dated: 1/11/2012

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27 CLAUDIA WILKEN
28 UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE