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3 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
4 FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA
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6 In re MICHAEL WILLIAMS,

No. C 12-02597 YGR (PR)

7 **ORDER OF TRANSFER**
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10 This action was opened on May 21, 2012, when the Court received from inmate Michael
11 Williams a letter to the Honorable Thelton E. Henderson that concerned prison conditions. On that
12 date, the Clerk of the Court notified Mr. Williams in writing that his action was deficient in that he
13 had not submitted his complaint on a proper complaint form and had not submitted an *in forma*
14 *pauperis* application. The Court further notified him that this action would be dismissed he if did
15 not submit a complaint on the proper form and a completed *in forma pauperis* application within
16 thirty days.

17 Further review of Mr. William's case reveals that, in addition to failing to submit the proper
18 documents, Mr. Williams has also initiated his civil action in the wrong judicial district. Mr.
19 William's letter states that he suffered serious brain trauma during a prison riot while incarcerated in
20 the North Fork Correctional Facility in Oklahoma. (May 21, 2012 Letter at 1.) He was
21 subsequently transferred to Centinela State Prison (Centinela) in California. He alleges that the
22 medical staff at Centinela have ignored his requests for evaluation and treatment of his brain trauma.
(*Id.* at 2-3.)

23 Centinela is located in the Southern District of California, and it appears that Defendants
24 reside in that district. Venue, therefore, properly lies in that district and not in this one. *See* 28
25 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

26 Accordingly, in the interest of justice and pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), this action is
27 TRANSFERRED to the United States District Court for the Southern District of California. The
28 Clerk of the Court shall transfer the case forthwith.

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If he wishes to further pursue this action, Mr. Williams must complete the complaint form and *in forma pauperis* application required by the United States District Court for the Southern District of California and mail them to that district.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

DATED: June 13, 2012


YVONNE GONZALEZ ROGERS
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT JUDGE