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IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

JAMES EDWARD WILLIAMS, )  
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 Plaintiff, )  
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 v. )  
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 R. PEREZ, et al., )  
 )  
 Defendants. )

No. C 12-1691 RMW(PR)  
ORDER OF SERVICE;  
DIRECTING DEFENDANTS  
TO FILE DISPOSITIVE  
MOTION OR NOTICE  
REGARDING SUCH MOTION

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, filed a second amended civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. For the reasons stated below, the court orders service upon defendants.

**DISCUSSION**

A. Standard of Review

A federal court must conduct a preliminary screening in any case in which a prisoner seeks redress from a governmental entity or officer or employee of a governmental entity. See 28 U.S.C. § 1915A(a). In its review, the court must identify any cognizable claims and dismiss any claims that are frivolous, malicious, fail to state a claim upon which relief may be granted or seek monetary relief from a defendant who is immune from such relief. See id. § 1915A(b)(1), (2). Pro se pleadings must, however, be liberally construed. See Balistreri v. Pacifica Police Dep't, 901 F.2d 696, 699 (9th Cir. 1988).