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

SONNY RAY HARDAWAY,)	No. C 12-5885 RMW (PR)
)	
Plaintiff,)	ORDER OF SERVICE; DIRECTING
)	DEFENDANT TO FILE
v.)	DISPOSITIVE MOTION OR
)	NOTICE REGARDING SUCH
Y. FRANCO,)	MOTION
)	
Defendant.)	

Plaintiff, a state prisoner proceeding *pro se*, filed an amended federal civil rights complaint pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983. For the reasons that follow, the court orders service upon defendant.

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