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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**
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11 MICHAEL LAMAR PRESSLEY,
12 Plaintiff,
13 vs.
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15 M. PACHECO,
16 Defendant.
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Case No. 17cv1715-MMA (MDD)

**ORDER GRANTING PLAINTIFF'S
COUNSEL'S UNOPPOSED MOTION
TO WITHDRAW AS COUNSEL OF
RECORD**

[Doc. No. 60]


19 Plaintiff Michael Lamar Pressley, proceeding *pro se* and *in forma pauperis*, filed a
20 Second Amended Complaint (“SAC”) pursuant to 42 U.S.C. § 1983 alleging violations of
21 his Eighth and Fourteenth Amendment rights by Defendant Pacheco. *See* Doc. No. 41.
22 Defendant has answered Plaintiff’s allegations and the parties have commenced the
23 discovery phase of litigation. *See* Doc. Nos. 52, 53. On August 12, 2020, Douglas S.
24 Gilliland, Esq., of the Gilliland Firm, appeared as counsel of record for Plaintiff. *See*
25 Doc. No. 57. Mr. Gilliland now moves to withdraw as counsel of record based on
26 Plaintiff’s precedent retention of counsel from the firm of Trial Lawyers for Justice. *See*
27 Doc. No. 60. Mr. Gilliland’s motion is unopposed. *See* Doc. No. 60-1, Gilliland Decl. ¶¶
28 6-8.

1 Upon due consideration, good cause appearing, the Court **GRANTS** Plaintiff’s
2 counsel’s motion to withdraw as counsel of record. The Clerk of Court is directed to
3 terminate Mr. Gilliland as counsel of record for Plaintiff as of the date this Order is filed.
4 Plaintiff once again will proceed in this matter *pro se* until such time that attorneys
5 associated with the firm of Trial Lawyers for Justice file a Notice of Appearance as
6 counsel of record for Plaintiff. To the extent attorneys associated with the firm intend to
7 appear on Plaintiff’s behalf, the Court recommends they file their Notice of Appearance
8 forthwith.

9 Finally, the Court **DIRECTS** Mr. Gilliland to provide a copy of this Order to
10 Plaintiff. The Court reminds Plaintiff that while he proceeds *pro se* he must comply with
11 Civil Local Rule 83.11 and “keep the court and opposing parties advised as to current
12 address.” CivLR 83.11.b.

13 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

14 DATE: September 9, 2020



HON. MICHAEL M. ANELLO
United States District Judge