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8 **UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT**  
9 **SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA**  
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11 LANCE WILLIAMS,  
12 CDCR #AG-2394,

13 Plaintiff,

14 v.

15 OFFICER O. NAVARRO,  
16 N.A. GARSILASO, E. ESTRADA,  
17 C. BAGNOL, F. LEWIS,  
18 R. KATYALL, S. KRITTMAN, C.  
19 TISCORNIA, et al.

20 Defendants.

Case No.: 3:18-cv-01318-DMS-RBM

**ORDER GRANTING DEFENDANTS'  
EX PARTE APPLICATION TO  
DEPOSE PLAINTIFF LANCE  
WILLIAMS, AN INCARCERATED  
PERSON**

**[Doc. 88]**

21 On January 8, 2021, Defendants Officer O. Navarro, et al. (collectively  
22 "Defendants") filed an ex parte application for leave to depose Plaintiff Lance Williams  
23 ("Plaintiff"), an incarcerated person ("Ex Parte Application"). (Doc. 88.) Defendants  
24 request to depose Plaintiff by remote means and video conference if they so choose. (*Id.*  
25 at 1.) Plaintiff is in the custody of the California Department of Corrections and  
26 Rehabilitation at Deuel Vocational Institution in Tracey, California. (*Id.* at 2.) Defendants  
27 intend to schedule the deposition upon reasonable notice to Plaintiff. (*Id.*) The Ex Parte  
28 Application is submitted under Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 30(a)(2)(B) and 30(b)(4),

1 which requires leave of court to depose a deponent confined in prison and to conduct a  
2 deposition by remote means. (*Id.* at 1.)

3 Good cause appearing, the Ex Parte Application is **GRANTED**. Defendants may  
4 depose Plaintiff by remote means and by video conference if they so choose. However,  
5 given the ongoing COVID-19 pandemic, Defendants may only depose Plaintiff in  
6 accordance with the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure and the guidelines, rules, and  
7 regulations of the institution where Plaintiff is held in custody.

8 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

9 DATE: January 12 2021

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12 HON. RUTH BERMUDEZ MONTENEGRO  
13 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE  
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