

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

11 MICHAEL RINALDI, 1:10-cv-101 (HC)
12 Petitioner,
13 v.
14 ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE
MIDDLE DISTRICT OF PENNSYLVANIA
H.A. RIOS, JR.,
Respondent.

18 Petitioner is a federal prisoner proceeding pro se with a petition for writ of habeas corpus
17 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 2241.

18 On January 19, 2010, Petitioner, who is currently incarcerated at Atwater U.S. Penitentiary,
19 filed a Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the United States District Court for the Eastern District
20 of California. However, Petitioner was convicted in the United States District Court for the Middle
21 District of Pennsylvania.

22 Federal courts have authority to grant writs of habeas corpus "within their respective
23 jurisdictions." 28 U.S.C. § 2241. The court issuing the writ must have personal jurisdiction over the
24 custodian. See, Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court, 410 U.S. 484, 495, 93 S.Ct. 1123, 35 L.Ed.2d
25 443 (1973); Malone V. Calderon, 165 F.3d 1234 (9th Cir. 1999); Subias v. Meese, 835 F.2d 1288,
26 1289 (9th Cir.1987). Without such jurisdiction, the Court has no authority to direct the actions of the
27 restraining authority. See, Malone, 165 F.3d at 1237. In the interests of justice, a federal court may

1 transfer a case filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v.
2 McGuire, 512 F.2d 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

3 The Petitioner in the instant case is not incarcerated at a facility within this Court's
4 jurisdiction. Accordingly, in the interests of justice, the Court HEREBY ORDERS the instant action
5 be transferred to the United States District Court for the Middle District of Pennsylvania.

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8 IT IS SO ORDERED.

9 Dated: February 4, 2010

/s/ Dennis L. Beck
10 UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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