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7 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
8 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
9 AT SEATTLE

10 GEORGE MORENO,

11 Plaintiff,

12 v.

13 HSBC BANK USA, et al.,

14 Defendants.

CASE NO. C18-0267JLR


ORDER TO SHOW CAUSE

15 Plaintiff George Moreno brings this suit against Defendants HSBC Bank USA
16 (“HSBC”) and Does 1-50 (collectively “Defendants”), alleging that Defendants violated
17 his civil rights when they “illicitly and fraudulently foreclosed on [his] property, and then
18 illegally took possession of the premises afterwards.” (Compl. (Dkt. # 3) at 4.) The
19 address given for HSBC is in New York, New York (*id.* at 2), and the address of the
20 property underlying this claim is located in West New York, New Jersey (*id.* at 4).
21 Moreover, although Mr. Moreno lists a Seattle residence for himself (*id.* at 2), the court
22 was unable to deliver mail to this address (*see* Mail Return (Dkt. # 4) at 1), and Mr.

1 Moreno wrote elsewhere in his complaint that his mailing address is in New Jersey (*see*
2 Compl. at 4).

3 Mr. Moreno does not allege that HSBC resides in the Western District of
4 Washington. (*See* Compl. at 2); 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(1). Moreover, the events giving
5 rise to the claims and the property that was foreclosed on are located in New Jersey, not
6 Washington. (Compl. at 4); *see* 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b)(2). Under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a), if
7 venue is improper, then the court “shall dismiss, or if it be in the interest of justice,
8 transfer such case to any district or division in which it could have been brought.” 28
9 U.S.C. § 1406(a). Accordingly, the court ORDERS Mr. Moreno to show cause why
10 venue is proper in this matter under 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b) within ten (10) days of the date
11 of this order. If Mr. Moreno fails to respond or otherwise demonstrate proper venue, the
12 court will dismiss the action without prejudice pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a).

13 Dated this th7 day of March, 2018.

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15 JAMES L. ROBART
16 United States District Judge
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