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5 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
6 WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON
7 AT TACOMA

8 GEOFFREY ROBERT LAWSON SR,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 BERNARD WARNER, KIM WYMAN,
12 JEFFEREY UTTECHT, ROY
13 GANZALES, J. DOE BAILEY, RAND
14 SIMMONS, L, WONDERS, J. DOE
15 CHE, CUS MILLER and FORD,
16 COUNSELORS GUNTER, AYERS and
17 STUENKEL, and JOHN DOE
18 CORRECTIONS OFFICERS 1 and 2,

19 Defendants.

CASE NO. C14-5100 RBL-KLS

ORDER DENYING DEFENDANTS'
MOTION FOR A CHANGE OF
VENUE

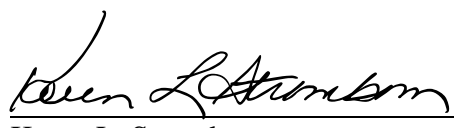
20 This matter has been referred to United States Magistrate Judge Karen L. Strombom
21 pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636(b)(1), Local Rules MJR 3 and 4, and Fed. R. Civ. P. 72. The case is
22 before the court upon Defendant's motion for change of venue. Dkt. 20. Defendants argue that
23 the majority of defendants reside in Eastern Washington and seek to transfer the action to that
24 District Court. After reviewing defendants' motion, plaintiff's response and the balance of the
record, the undersigned finds and ORDERS as follows:

1. Plaintiff's allegations include activities that occurred in Kitsap County and Mason
County as well as activities in Eastern Washington. Further, plaintiff appears to challenge

1 Washington State Department of Corrections policies regarding transport of inmate property and
2 the policy makers principle place of business is Thurston County. This court has jurisdiction in
3 each of these three counties. *See* Local Rule 3. Thus, this court has proper jurisdiction over the
4 action. Accordingly, defendants' motion for change of venue is DENIED.

5 The Clerk is directed to send a copy of this Order to Plaintiff.

6 Dated this 22nd day of May, 2014.

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9 Karen L. Strombom
10 United States Magistrate Judge
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