

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Coffer v. Crayton

Coffer · No. 1:25-cv-00317-BAM (PC) · Decided March 18, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California transferred Jonathan Christopher Coffer’s 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action to the Northern District of California. The court determined that the claims appeared to arise in Monterey County and transferred the case under 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a) in the interest of justice.

OPINION

1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT 9 EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 10 11 JONATHAN CHRISTOPHER COFFER, Case No. 1:25-cv-00317-BAM
(PC) 12 Plaintiff, ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA 13 v. 14 CRAYTON, et al., 15 Defendants. 16 17 Plaintiff Jonathan Christopher
Coffer (“Plaintiff”), a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has 18 filed a civil rights action pursuant to
42 U.S.C. § 1983.

(ECF No. 1.) 19 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on
diversity 20 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if
all 21 defendants are residents of the State in which the district is located, (2) a judicial district in
which 22 a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise to the claim occurred, or a
substantial part 23 of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or (3) if there is no
district in which an 24 action may otherwise be brought as provided in this section, any judicial
district in which any 25 defendant is subject to the court’s personal jurisdiction with respect to
such action.” 28 U.S.C. 26 § 1391(b).

27 In this case, the claims appear to have arisen in Monterey County, which is in the 28 Northern
District of California. Therefore, Plaintiff’s claim should have been filed in the United 1 States
District Court for the Northern District of California.

In the interest of justice, a federal 2 court may transfer a complaint filed in the wrong district to
the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. 3 § 1406(a); *Ravelo Monegro v. Rosa*, 211 F.3d 509, 512 (9th
Cir. 2000). 4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United
5 States District Court for the Northern District of California. 6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 8 Dated: March 17, 2025 /s/ Barbara A. McAuliffe _ UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE
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