

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE CENTRAL DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA**

Legend D. Brooks v. SGT. RUIZ, et al.

Brooks v. Ruiz · No. 2:21-cv-02010-AB-PD · Decided January 13, 2026

OPINION

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PER CURIAM.

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8 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

9 CENTRAL DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

10 11 LEGEND D. BROOKS, Case No. 2:21-cv-02010-AB-PD 12 Plaintiff, ORDER
ACCEPTING REPORT

AND ADOPTING FINDINGS,

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CONCLUSIONS, AND

14 RECOMMENDATIONS OF

SGT. RUIZ, et al., UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE

15 JUDGE

Defendants. 16 17 18 Pursuant to 28 U.S.C. § 636, the Court has reviewed the motion filed by 19
Defendants Deputy Julian Sanchez (“Sanchez”), Deputy Darren W. Lass, Jr. 20 (“Lass”), and
Sergeant Robert Ruiz (“Ruiz”) to bifurcate the administrative 21 remedy exhaustion issues for a
hearing under Albino v. Baca, 747 F.3d 1172 22 (9th Cir. 2014), the records on file herein, the
Report and Recommendation of 23 United States Magistrate Judge (the “Report”), and
Defendants’ Objections to 24 Report that are filed under seal. Dkt. Nos. 183, 187, 188, 192, 195,
196, 198. 25 The Court has conducted a de novo review of the portions of the Report 26 to which
the Objections were directed and has reviewed the materials filed 27 under seal, which contain
new evidence that Defendants did not submit with 28 ! || the motion to bifurcate. The Court
accepts the findings and recommendations 2 || of the Magistrate Judge and adopts them as its own
findings and conclusions. 3 || The Court finds that Plaintiff has exhausted available administrative
4 || remedies as to Defendants Sanchez, Lass and Ruiz 5 IT IS THEREFORE ORDERED that
Defendants’ Motion to Bifurcate 6 | Bench Trial on Prison Litigation Reform Act exhaustion
issues is Denied. 7 g || DATED: January 13, 2026 : (nh ☐☐ 10 HONORABLE ANDRE BIROTTE
JR.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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