

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF
CALIFORNIA

Turner v. Ferrera

No. 1:25-cv-00342-CDB (HC) (E.D. Cal. Mar. 25, 2025) · No. 1:25-cv-00342-CDB (HC) · Decided March 25, 2025

SUMMARY

The United States District Court for the Eastern District of California transferred Anthony R. Turner’s habeas corpus action to the Sacramento Division. The court concluded that Solano County, where Turner was incarcerated and where the underlying state criminal proceedings were pending, was within the Sacramento Division and was the more appropriate forum under Local Rule 120(f).

CASE DETAILS

COURT	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
JURISDICTION	United States District Court for the Eastern District of California
DECIDED	March 25, 2025
DOCKET	1:25-cv-00342-CDB (HC)
DISPOSITION	other
PROCEDURAL POSTURE	State prisoner filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The Eastern District of California sua sponte transferred the action from the Fresno Division to the Sacramento Division under Local Rule 120(f).
STANDARD OF REVIEW	The court exercised its authority to transfer a civil action sua sponte under Eastern District of California Local Rule 120(f), considering the appropriate and convenient division.
PRECEDENTIAL VALUE	unpublished district court transfer order; nonprecedential
PARTIES	Anthony R. Turner v. Thomas A. Ferrera

TOPICS

- federal habeas corpus
- venue
- civil procedure

PRACTICE AREAS

- federal habeas corpus
- civil procedure
- venue

QUESTIONS PRESENTED

1. Whether the action should be transferred to the Sacramento Division because the petitioner was incarcerated there and the relevant state criminal proceedings and events occurred there.
2. Whether the petition appeared to state a cognizable claim under 28 U.S.C. § 2254 or might instead be more appropriately brought under 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

HOLDINGS

1. The action should be transferred sua sponte to the Sacramento Division of the Eastern District of California because Solano County is located in that division and it is the better forum for claims concerning the petitioner's incarceration and pending state criminal action.

KEY QUOTATIONS

“Therefore, this action will be transferred to the Sacramento Division of the Court.” (at 2)

FACTUAL BACKGROUND

Anthony R. Turner was a state prisoner held in Solano County Jail pending state criminal charges arising from an alleged robbery on March 5, 2021. He filed a petition for writ of habeas corpus under 28 U.S.C. § 2254. The court noted that the petition did not appear to challenge a conviction or sentence and that the relevant incarceration, criminal proceedings, and underlying events occurred in Solano County, within the Sacramento Division.

PROCEDURAL HISTORY

Turner filed a habeas petition challenging his incarceration in Solano County Jail while state criminal charges were pending in Solano County Superior Court. The court determined that Solano County is within the Sacramento Division and transferred the action there as the more appropriate division for the claims.

DISPOSITION

other

CASES CITED

- *Braden v. 30th Judicial Circuit Court of Kentucky*, 410 U.S. 484, 499 & n.15 (1973)
- *Tate v. Unknown*, No. JLS (LR), 2024 WL 2880583, at *1 (S.D. Cal. May 7, 2024)
- *Gakuba v. Cal. Attorney General*, No. 22-cv-07698 NC (PR), 2022 WL 17813143, at *1 (N.D. Cal. Dec. 16, 2022)
- *Dannenberg v. Ingle*, 831 F. Supp. 767, 767 (N.D. Cal. 1993)