UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA

PAUL ANTHONY THOMAS, Plaintiff, v. WARE, et al., Defendants.	No. 2:22-cv-00177-TLN-EFB (PC) ORDER REQUESTING CONFIDENTIAL SETTLEMENT STATEMENTS FOR PRISONER SETTLEMENT PROGRAM

Plaintiff is a state inmate proceeding without counsel in this 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action. He requests a settlement conference. ECF No. 63. The court motion is GRANTED IN PART in that it will solicit confidential statements from the parties and, upon review of those statements, determine the propriety of a settlement conference.

The parties to this action shall each, no later than thirty (30) days from the date of the order, submit confidential statements as described below. The confidential statements shall not be served on the opposing party or filed with the court, but instead, delivered by mail, fax, email or personal delivery to the court's Alternative Dispute Resolution (ADR) division at the address, fax number or email address below and marked "Confidential." Such statements shall be limited to five (5) pages and shall include the following:

1. The party's assessment of whether the instant action is of the type that would benefit from a settlement proceeding;

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2. The party's assessment of what factors, if any, will prevent settlement of this matter prior to trial; and

3. Any additional information the court may find useful in determining whether to set this matter for a settlement conference.

Should the court determine that this action is appropriate for referral to the Prisoner Settlement Program, it will set this matter for settlement conference before a magistrate judge or district judge. If not, the court will direct the parties to file pretrial statements.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: February 25, 2025

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UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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