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8 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
9 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
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11 JOSEPH ANTHONY BROWN,

1:11-cv-01586-GSA-(HC)

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13 Petitioner,

ORDER TRANSFERRING CASE TO THE  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA

14 vs.

15 U.S.A.,

16 Respondent.  
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19 Petitioner, a state prisoner proceeding pro se, has filed a habeas corpus action pursuant to 28  
20 U.S.C. § 2254.

21 The federal venue statute requires that a civil action, other than one based on diversity  
22 jurisdiction, be brought only in “(1) a judicial district where any defendant resides, if all defendants reside  
23 in the same state, (2) a judicial district in which a substantial part of the events or omissions giving rise  
24 to the claim occurred, or a substantial part of the property that is the subject of the action is situated, or  
25 (3) a judicial district in which any defendant may be found, if there is no district in which the action may  
26 otherwise be brought.” 28 U.S.C. § 1391(b).

27 In this case, the petitioner is challenging a conviction from Washington D.C. Superior Court,  
28 which is in the District of Columbia. Therefore, the petition should have been filed in the United States

1 District Court for the District of Columbia. In the interest of justice, a federal court may transfer a case  
2 filed in the wrong district to the correct district. See 28 U.S.C. § 1406(a); Starnes v. McGuire, 512 F.2d  
3 918, 932 (D.C. Cir. 1974).

4 Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED that this matter is transferred to the United States  
5 District Court for the District of Columbia.

6 IT IS SO ORDERED.

7 **Dated: September 26, 2011**

**/s/ Gary S. Austin**  
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE