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UNITED STATES COURT OF APPEALS

FOR THE NINTH CIRCUIT

<p>BILLY RAY O’NEAL,</p> <p>Plaintiff - Appellant,</p> <p>v.</p> <p>COUNTY OF SAN FRANCISCO; et al.,</p> <p>Defendants - Appellees.</p>
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No. 09-16569

D.C. No. 4:08-cv-04669-SBA

MEMORANDUM\*

Appeal from the United States District Court  
for the Northern District of California  
Saundra B. Armstrong, District Judge, Presiding

Submitted May 24, 2011\*\*

Before: PREGERSON, THOMAS, and PAEZ, Circuit Judges.

Billy Ray O’Neal, a California state prisoner, appeals pro se from the district court’s order dismissing without prejudice his 42 U.S.C. § 1983 action alleging excessive force. We review for an abuse of discretion a district court’s dismissal under its local rules. *Ghazali v. Moran*, 46 F.3d 52, 53 (9th Cir. 1995) (per

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\* This disposition is not appropriate for publication and is not precedent except as provided by 9th Cir. R. 36-3.

\*\* The panel unanimously concludes this case is suitable for decision without oral argument. *See Fed. R. App. P. 34(a)(2)*.

curiam). We reverse and remand.

Under the circumstances set forth in O'Neal's briefs and the district court record, dismissal of the action was an abuse of discretion.

O'Neal's motion to file a supplemental opening brief, filed on March 8, 2011, is granted.

**REVERSED and REMANDED.**