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## UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

# DISTRICT OF NEVADA

PRISON LEGAL NEWS, a Washington State Corporation, and ROLLIN WRIGHT,

Plaintiffs,

CASE NO. CV-N-00-0373-HDM-RAM

STIPULATION AND

JUDGMENT/ORDER

V,

JACKIE CRAWFORD in her official capacity, JOHN SLANSKY, in his official and individual capacities, ROBERT BAYER, in his official and individual capacities, DOES I-XXV, Defendant RED AND WHITE CORPORATIONS I-X, and BLACK AND BLUE STATE and/or MUNICIPAL ENTITIES I-X,

Defendants.

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# **STIPULATION**

The parties, by their undersigned counsel of record, stipulate and agree that the following judgment shall be entered by the Court.

DATED: This 18th day of Say ten land, 2000.

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#### **JUDGMENT**

This matter having come before the Court, and the parties having stipulated to the entry of this Judgment, IT IS ORDERED:

1. Defendants CRAWFORD and SLANSKY, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and successors in office, shall implement and maintain the following policy regarding prisoner subscription to publications:

## **POLICY**

Prisoners in the custody of the Nevada Department of Prisons (NDOP) shall be permitted to subscribe to the publications of their choice, and shall receive all issues of those publications without interference, except as provided below.

Wardens may designate staff to screen and, where appropriate, approve incoming publications, but only a Warden may reject a publication. Wardens are authorized to reject a publication only if it is determined, after reasonable consideration, to be detrimental to the safety, security, good order, or discipline of the institution or if it might facilitate criminal activity. The following is a non-exhaustive list of criteria that may support rejection of a publication:

- 1. Content depicts or describes procedures for the construction or use of weapons, ammunition, bombs or incendiary devices;
- 2. Content depicts, encourages, or describes methods of escape from correctional facilities, or contains blueprints, drawings or similar descriptions of prison institutions;
- 3. Content depicts or describes procedures for the brewing of alcoholic beverages, or the manufacture of drugs;
- 4. Content is written in code;

- 5. Content describes or encourages activities which may lead to the use of physical violence or group disruption;
- 6. Content encourages or instructs in the commission of criminal activity;
- 7. Content is sexually explicit material which by its nature or content poses a threat to the security, good order, or discipline of the institution, or facilitates criminal activity.

All publications mailed to NDOP prisoners shall be reviewed according to the same criteria. There shall be no separate category of "inmate publications" or "inmate newsletters."

No publication shall be excluded in perpetuity. Each issue of a publication must be individually reviewed under the criteria set forth in this policy.

In the event a Warden rejects an issue of a publication, he or she must advise the subscribing inmate promptly in writing of the reasons for the rejection and send a copy of such rejection memorandum to the publisher. The rejection memorandum must refer to the specific article(s) or material(s) considered objectionable. The rejection memorandum must also advise the publisher that he or she may obtain an independent review of the rejection by the Director of the Nevada Department of Prisons by requesting it within 20 days (plus 3 for mailing) of the date the rejection memorandum is mailed to the publisher. The subscribing inmate may grieve the rejection through the prison's administrative grievance process. The grieving inmate is not provided the rejected material. However, he or she may review it unless such review may provide the inmate with information of a nature which is deemed to pose

a threat or detriment to the security, good order or discipline of the institution or to encourage or instruct in criminal activity.

A Warden may not reject an issue of a publication solely because its content is religious, philosophical, political, social, or sexual, or because its content is unpopular, repugnant, or disagreed with by the Warden.

- 2. Defendants CRAWFORD and SLANSKY, and their officers, agents, servants, employees, and successors in office, shall not implement or enforce any policy or practice that is inconsistent with the requirements of ¶ 1 above.
- 3. No later than thirty (30) days after entry of this Judgment, Defendants

  CRAWFORD and SLANSKY, and their officers, agents, servants, and employees, shall

  cause to be posted in all law libraries within the NDOP system a notice stating that <u>Prison</u>

  <u>Legal News</u> is no longer a banned publication, and that NDOP prisoners may subscribe to

  <u>Prison Legal News</u>. The notice shall also include subscription information, including <u>Prison</u>

  <u>Legal News</u>' mailing address. The notices shall remain posted for at least sixty (60) days.

  The parties shall attempt to reach agreement on the form of the notice. If the parties are unable to agree, the Court will determine the form of the notice.
- 4. Promptly after entry of this Judgment, no later than September 30, 2000,
  Defendants CRAWFORD, SLANSKY and BAYER shall pay to Plaintiffs PRISON LEGAL
  NEWS and ROLLIN WRIGHT damages in the amount of Five Thousand Dollars
  (\$5,000.00):
- 5. In exchange for this payment, Plaintiffs PRISON LEGAL NEWS and ROLLIN WRIGHT will execute in favor of Defendants CRAWFORD, SLANSKY and BAYER a release of all of their damage claims accrued as of September 12, 2000 arising out of the Defendants' censorship of PRISON LEGAL NEWS.

- 6. For each NDOP prisoner whose subscription to Prison Legal News was interrupted as a result of Defendants' actions, Plaintiffs PRISON LEGAL NEWS and ROLLIN WRIGHT will provide a one year set of back issues of Prison Legal News, and will extend the prisoner's subscription to Prison Legal News by one year.
- 7. Within 45 days from this date, the Plaintiffs shall file with the Court their application for attorneys' fees and costs with supporting documents. The Defendants shall have 30 days thereafter to respond, and the Plaintiffs 15 days thereafter to reply to Defendants' Response.
- 8. The parties stipulate, and the Court based upon the entire record finds, that the relief granted by this order is narrowly drawn, extends no further than necessary to correct the violation of Plaintiffs' constitutional rights, and is the least intrusive means necessary to correct the violation of Plaintiffs' constitutional rights.
- 9. In order to allow the relief granted by this order to be fully implemented, the parties agree not to seek to modify or terminate or otherwise challenge this order for a period of five (5) years.
- 10. The Court shall have the power to enforce this order upon appropriate motion.

DATED this 22 -day of 2 ptember, 2000.

HÓWARD D. MCKIBBEN

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE