

August 7, 2024

Captain DiGiovanni
Orange County Corrections Department
3723 Vision Boulevard
Orlando, FL 32802

RE: Sarah Boone # 20005623/FDC-B4
Questions/concerns for laptop, phone, etc.

Captain DiGiovanni,

Thank you for your timely cooperation and assistance in me receiving my laptop yesterday (8/6/24) and 2 discovery USB drives supplied by my Investigator. I am attempting to fully maximize my opportunities available from OCCD to thrive in my forced position as court-appointed Pro Se Defendant, and the success of my case.

I want to excel in my present circumstances by attempting my best, and have been since day one of my incarceration on-going 5 years ago. As you can imagine, I do not want to be here any longer, ever. With the hopeful, effortless cooperation and attentive care from yourself and OCCD, I believe I can achieve more - efficiently, effectively, equally so I am able to plan my very overdue exit in the very near future.

I have been instructed to contact you directly for the listed questions and concerns to hopefully remedy or provide further insight to for completion of, so there is a universal understanding to enable me to produce greater, faster results and work product in my case and defense.

Thank you in advance and profusely.

1) LAPTOP TIMES - extend from 8:00A-4:00P to 7:30P-10:00P. I am willing and need to vigorously work on my defense as often as possible. I do not think I should be restricted to day-time use only. After 4:00P, I do not have access to the laptop which equals zero work product and progress. The building of my defense is halted for 16 hours until the next morning.

• Request: Extend times to use by 2.5 hours in the evening.

2) USB DRIVES SECURITY - As stated in court to the judge, I do not feel comfortable in handing over the entire contents of my case to the miscellaneous officer in the dorm for the day. All of my information is highly confidential and I am trying to avoid further "leaks" on top of the already recorded jail phone calls, visitation names and details, my inmate interactions, meals consumed, etc.

A concerning example today, I returned the laptop and USB

drivers together yesterday, I receive back the laptop which is not charged at all for instant use, and the USB driver separated with the protocol security paperwork removed I needed, and then both bags revealed. Another example, I went to pick up everything in the morning and the officer removed both USB drives from the bags before giving to me.

Who is in control of the laptop and my 2 USB drives when I return at the end of each day?

Where do they go?

How are they secured?

Why are contents being removed? Opened?

As said, I do not feel secure in this "process," if there is one, and it is vital to me that OCCD handles with priority, safety, security, and care. When asking any officer anything pertaining to the laptop and drives, they do not know and become agitated with me trying to ask and figure anything out.

• Request: Allow me to keep only the 2 USB drives at my bunk. After returning the laptop, to keep in my secured, locked drawer each day, hopeful evening.

3) CLASSROOM - This room is unoccupied for the majority of each day and an available, close, undistruptive solution for me to achieve privacy for reviewing and listening to my confidential care documents. The classroom is also in direct, continuous, effortless view of the officers at all times.

• Request: Permit me access to utilize a table in the classroom to view and listen to my discovery on the laptop when not occupied and is in direct view of the officers.

4) EARPHONES/HEADPHONES - As said, my discovery contains a large amount of audio to be listened to. If you will not permit me access to the classroom, I will need listening abilities with earphones or headphones over the ever increasing noise level of the dorm. There are also a must when the dorm is on lockdown and "quiet" so no one is able to hear.

• Request: Provide any kind of earphones or headphones.

5) INTERNET (WITH LIMITED ACCESS AND RESTRICTIONS) - I need to research heavily my defense, all of it, locate witnesses, any experts, the clerk's website, correspond with the judge, my defense team, anyone affiliated or may be with my care, forward motions, other important documents, everything I need to educate myself on about being pro se, etc.

Please understand, I cannot complete any of the above-mentioned without Internet. The basic laptop provided is only for viewing my USB driver. There is no other access.

• Request: Grant me access to the Internet with appropriate "parental controls" in limited access with restrictions.

b) WORD PROGRAM - to type any motions, make notes, lists, memos, anything I need to document and record for future reference or sharing with potential team members.

I need to be able to:

- a) open and create a document
- b) save work product, information
- c) attach text or PDF documents created to email (if granted)
- d) print needed documents or discovery pages for mailing, sharing, presenting, or distributing.

• Request: Permit access to Word program to use fully, properly, and progressively.

7) TELEPHONE ACCESS - As you are aware, my dorm contains "pay phones" only and are limited to only 15 minutes per call which are collect. I need to be able to communicate on a regular, normal phone to make any/all necessary

calls for my case to use in trial. I have no other way to contact anyone that is not collect which incredibly diminishes most, if not all, of my opportunities to properly prepare.

- Request: Permit me access to a regular, normal phone to communicate reasonably with the parties in my case and any new futuristically to be affiliated with.

8) DISCOVERY HARDCOPIES - As I am presently, I can keep these in the permitted property bag discreetly located at my bunk. I will purge the documents I have now and keep only my discovery hardcopies. The remaining I can send to the property department and will purge anything already being stored for easy convenience and extra space.

Also, when the laptop hours are "closed," I am able to pick up uninterrupted with these hardcopies at any time. Any comparative review with the digital can also be achieved.

- Request: Permit my hardcopy discovery to be received and kept unnoticed at my bunk for readily available viewing, and unrestricted access to.

Captain DiGiovanni, everyone's understanding and invaluable time is greatly appreciated in their assistance in aiding me to utilize my capabilities and opportunities here at OCCD.

I am diligently working on what I can with what I have (laptop, 2 USB drives) and am severely hindered in real progress without my requests, especially needing to access the internet and a normal functioning telephone.

Becoming Pro Se Defendant was not my choice. I am already trying to overcome extreme circumstances just in my life of incarceration, and now in addition, being forced by the court to represent and defend myself in my criminal case. Extreme has progressed to extraordinary.

Please understand my attempts are always in good faith where I am simply trying to complete these tasks needed to surpass my difficulties and achieve overdue success, and finally. I cannot do it without you and the assistance of the Orange County Corrections Department.

I thank you, everyone, for your patience and await your response for needed collaboration and conclusion of my requests please, and criminal case.

I have notified the Judge also with a copy of this letter so he is aware I am in the process of trying to receive these "must haves," and that I need further guidance and answers from you first. From there I can create all motions that may be necessary for access and completion.

This is important Captain and time sensitive, as my proposed trial date is on October 7, 2024. As of this letter, I have only 59 days for the completion of my defense prior. Please understand the importance of your timely attention and response. As said, I cannot do this without you and the help of QCCD. I am beyond grateful.

- Please notify me as soon as possible please about any motions I need to file for my requests to be granted.

Thank you immeasurably.

Sincerely,

Sarah Boone

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Pro Se Indigent Defendant, Inmate

I also spoke to Sgt. Casey in the courtroom requesting your time please at your earliest opportunity to convey the importance of my requests to hopefully be completed.

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(HAND DELIVERED)