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(via eCourts)

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**Re: Lashawn D. Fitch v. New Jersey Dep't of Corrs.
Docket No. A-1153-22-T04**

Dear Ms. Coley:

Please accept this letter on behalf of Respondent New Jersey Department of Corrections, in response to the Court's Motion Filing Notice dated December 28, 2022 questioning the finality of the decision from which Appellant Lawshawn Fitch appeals. Please forgive the Department's delayed response, as I first learned of the Court's inquiry when I received an email notification from the Court in February 2023.

Fitch presumably seeks to appeal a final agency decision dated October 25, 2022. (See Exhibit A: Grievance #NJSP22041951). According to the record, Fitch submitted a grievance, received a response, appealed, and received a response from the Administrator. Thus, under N.J.A.C. § 10A:1-4.5, Fitch has exhausted his administrative remedies, and the decision is ripe for appeal under R. 2:2-3.



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Respectfully,

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c: Lashawn D. Fitch #893022/#423116D (via Regular Mail)

Ref# NJSP22041951	Housing:NJSP-WEST-6 RIGHT-2 TIER-CELL 89	Date Created:10/22/2022
ID#: 000423116D	Name:FITCH,LASHAWN	
Form:Grievance	Subject:Administration	Description:Other
Urgent:Yes	Time left:n/a	Status:Closed

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10/22/2022 12:29:10 PM : (000423116d) wrote

This grievance is in continuation from a inquiry on 9-21-22, pertaining to the policy in regards to permitting flash drives (thumb drives) and permitting access to alternatives to the word processor. I am requesting that Administration lift the ban on permitting flash drives and permittin prison friendly laptops as a alternative to the obsolete word pocessors. Thank you.

Communications / Case Actions

10/25/2022 11:36:22 AM : (Alycia Lewis) wrote

The option of flash drives is currently being reviewed and considered by Administration. The population will be advised once a decision has been rendered.

10/25/2022 12:52:49 PM : (000423116d) wrote

This appeal is to lift the policy against permitting flash drives to the population. In addition to permitting a alternative to the word processor. as currently situated, the policy affects the right to meaningful legal access to the courts

10/25/2022 2:51:47 PM : (Anthony Gangi) wrote

At this time, the matter is being reviewed.

EXHIBIT A