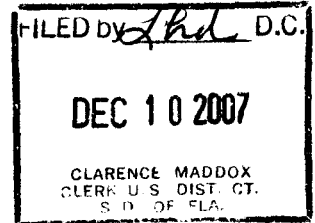


UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF FLORIDA

CASE NO. 06-14324-CIV-MARTINEZ/LYNCH



MELANIE BECKFORD, SUSAN BLACK, et al.,

Plaintiffs,

v.

DEPT. OF CORRECTIONS, STATE OF FLA.,

Defendant.

ORDER ON PLAINTIFFS' MOTION TO COMPEL (DE 247) AND DEFENDANT'S
REQUEST FOR ADDITIONAL TIME FOR COMPLIANCE (DE 248)

THIS CAUSE comes before this Court upon the above referenced Motion. Having reviewed the Motion, the Response thereto which contains the Defendant's Request for Additional time, and the Reply, this Court finds as follows:

1. The Plaintiffs complain that the Defendant still has not fulfilled its discovery obligations. This is despite nearly half a year's time to do so, and an Order of this Court specifically reminding the Defendant of the need for it to act more expeditiously.

2. The Defendant explains that it has devoted significant resources to the project, but ultimately it fails to state good cause for why the Plaintiffs still have received no discovery. This Court can only surmise that discovery would have been finished by now had it begun the process in earnest when the

Plaintiffs first requested it.

3. For these reasons this Court is granting the Plaintiffs' Motion and compelling the Defendant to complete production by a date certain. The discovery deadline falls on December 15, 2007. In order to give the Defendant the benefit of some additional time, the Defendant shall have an additional week, up through December 21, 2007, to complete production. This Court stresses, however, that this extension of time only applies to the discovery subject of the pending Motion to Compel. For any other extensions of time or for any enlargement of the instant extension of time, the parties must seek such relief from the District Court.

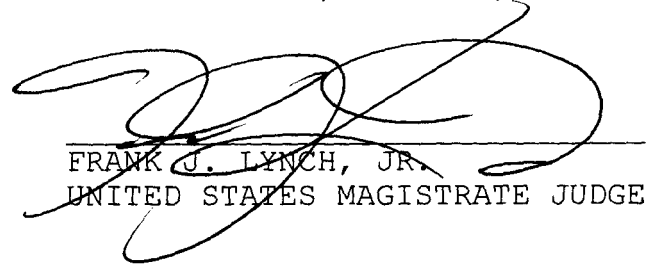
4. This Court is cognizant of the fact that it may be difficult for the Defendant to complete the discovery within two weeks' time. The Defendant therefore should coordinate with the Plaintiffs in order to find ways to simplify and expedite discovery production, including taking advantage of the already executed confidentiality agreement or some type of hold-harmless agreement, for example, for a procedure for handling mistakenly disclosed information.

Based on the foregoing, it is hereby,

ORDERED AND ADJUDGED that the Motion to Compel is **GRANTED**. The Defendant shall complete its discovery obligations by **December 21, 2007**. The Defendant's Request for Additional Time is

DENIED.

DONE AND ORDERED in Chambers at Fort Pierce, Florida, this
10~~th~~ day of December, 2007.



FRANK J. LYNCH, JR.
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE

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