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12 IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
13 FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF CALIFORNIA  
14 SACRAMENTO DIVISION

16 **RALPH COLEMAN, et al.,**

17 Plaintiffs,

18 v.

20 **GAVIN NEWSOM, et al.,**

21 Defendants.

Case No. 2:90-cv-00520 KJM-DB (PC)

**STIPULATION AND ORDER  
GRANTING JOINT REQUEST FOR  
LEAVE TO FILE DISCOVERY  
MOTIONS**

Judge: The Hon. Kimberly J. Mueller

23 On June 3, 2021, Plaintiff-Intervenor Christopher Lipsey (Lipsey) was granted leave to  
24 conduct discovery on his claim that the use of Guard One causes sleep deprivation in violation of  
25 the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution. (ECF No. 7191.) On June 3, 2021,  
26 Lipsey served Defendant Kathleen Allison with his third set of requests for production of  
27 documents, numbered 31 through 59. On July 6, 2021, Defendants responded to Lipsey's  
28 discovery requests, stating objections along with their responses.

1 The parties have met and conferred regarding Lipsey's third set of requests for production  
 2 of documents and Defendants' objections to those requests. Although they have reached an  
 3 agreement to limit some of the requests and to continue to work to resolve issues with other  
 4 requests, they are at an impasse with respect to issues related to Request Nos. 35, 36, 41, 42, 43,  
 5 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 56. The Special Master attended the parties' conference on June 29, but he  
 6 has not taken a position on this dispute.

7 Defendants seek an order under Rule 26 limiting the scope of Lipsey's discovery requests  
 8 to documents that are relevant to his claim that the Guard One system makes noise that interrupts  
 9 his sleep. Specifically, Defendants want an order that precludes discovery of the following  
 10 documents and issues:

- 11 1. Documents related to suicides or attempted suicides, and training related to suicide  
 12 prevention sought in Requests Nos. 35, 47, 48, 49, 50, 51, and 56;
- 13 2. Documents that seek internal communications concerning an analysis of the costs and  
 14 benefits of the Guard One system sought in Request No. 36;
- 15 3. Documents related to the costs associated with the purchase of the Guard One system and  
 16 the benefits of the Guard One system sought in Request No. 41;
- 17 4. Documents related to individual officers' compliance with the welfare check program  
 18 sought in Request No. 42; and
- 19 5. Documents related to individual officers' compliance with the Guard One Order sought  
 20 in Request No. 43.

21 Because none of these requests pertain to "the claim for which intervention has been  
 22 authorized: that the Guard One suicide prevention monitoring system 'causes sleep deprivation in  
 23 violation of the Eighth Amendment to the United States Constitution,'" Defendants will seek to  
 24 limit the scope of Lipsey's above requests, which exceed this scope. (*See* ECF No. 7191 at 1:26-  
 25 2:1.) Defendants also dispute Lipsey's asserted connection between the requested documents and  
 26 his potential claim that Defendants lack of penological interest in monitoring their staff. Suicides  
 27 and suicide attempts are not relevant to that question. And the cost-benefit analysis Lipsey seeks  
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1 is likewise not the test applied to determine whether the regulation at issue satisfies a legitimate  
2 penological goal.

3 Lipsey seeks an order compelling Defendants to respond to the requests identified above as  
4 propounded because discovery regarding the alleged penological interest in using Guard One,  
5 including its efficacy and the availability of any reasonable alternatives, is relevant to  
6 Defendants' potential defense that any penological interests in using Guard One defeat Lipsey's  
7 Eighth Amendment claim. For example, Lipsey anticipates that the Secretary may argue that the  
8 Guard One system is necessary to adequately ensure compliance with the welfare check program  
9 and thus reduce the number of inmate suicides, and that the penological interest in reducing  
10 suicides in turn affects the Eighth Amendment analysis. Lipsey offered to withdraw his requests  
11 related to this issue if Defendants agreed to stipulate that they will not make this type of  
12 argument, but Defendants declined to do so. Because Defendants have left open their option to  
13 make this argument, Lipsey seeks to take discovery into its factual premises.

14 Accordingly, the parties stipulate and jointly request leave to file their respective discovery  
15 motions under Fed.R.Civ.P 26 and Local Rule 251.

16 **IT IS SO STIPULATED.**

17 Dated: July 20, 2021

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1 Good cause appearing, the parties' joint request is GRANTED. All motions shall be filed  
2 and noticed for hearing on this court's regular law and motion calendar in accordance with Local  
3 Rule 230 (E.D.Cal.). The motions shall be noticed for hearing so that all fact discovery will be  
4 completed by October 29, 2021. *See* ECF No. 7191 at 2.

5 **IT IS SO ORDERED.**

6 Dated: July 20, 2021

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8 CHIEF UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE  
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