

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

DAVID DEBAUCHE,

Plaintiff,

v.

CORRECTIONAL OFFICER JAMES and
SGT. KINGSLAND,

Defendants.

ORDER

13-cv-553-wmc

In its July 16, 2015 opinion, the court ordered defendants to explain their justification for withholding certain materials requested in discovery by DeBauche and deemed confidential by defendants. In response, defendants now represent that they are willing to allow DeBauche to inspect the confidential policies in question without copying them; should DeBauche wish to file any policies with the court, defendants will also do so under seal. This seems a reasonable compromise. As for the administrative confinement file of non-party inmate Luis Ramirez, defendants have adequately explained the security and privacy concerns with permitting another inmate to view that file. Moreover, it is unclear what in Ramirez's file would be relevant to the specific claims on which DeBauche is being allowed to proceed. (For example, Ramirez does not appear to be among the allegedly dangerous inmates with whom DeBauche claims defendants intentionally housed him.) Without a reasonable indication of the nature and specific relevance of the information DeBauche expects to find in that file, even the court's inspection *in camera* would amount to nothing but a fishing expedition at the expense of Ramirez's privacy and the Wisconsin Department of Corrections's security interests. Accordingly, DeBauche's motion to compel is DENIED on that point.

Entered this 3rd day of August, 2015.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

WILLIAM M. CONLEY
District Judge