

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

REGGIE TOWNSEND,

Plaintiff,

v.

JERRY ALLEN,

Defendant.

ORDER

05-cv-204-bbc

This prisoner civil rights case is scheduled for trial on September 15, 2008. Plaintiff Reggie Townsend has filed petitions for writs of habeas corpus with respect to himself and another prisoner, Larry Gibson, who he says will provide corroborating testimony about the conditions of plaintiff's cell. I will grant the petitions for both witnesses to appear at trial.

Plaintiff also requests a writ for his appearance at the courthouse on the Friday and Saturday before the trial begins so that his attorneys can meet with him and prepare for trial. That request must be denied. The purpose of a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum is to produce an incarcerated person for *trial* not to provide a convenience for the prisoner's lawyers. If plaintiff's lawyers wish to meet with him before trial, they will have to do so at Fox Lake or make arrangements with the prison to speak to him by telephone.

ORDER

IT IS ORDERED that plaintiff Reggie Townsend's petition for writs of habeas corpus ad testificandum is GRANTED IN PART. The clerk of court is directed to issue a writ of habeas corpus ad testificandum for the attendance of Reggie Townsend, #397211, and Larry Gibson, #385075, at trial beginning on September 15, 2008. Townsend is incarcerated at the Fox Lake Correctional Institution in Fox Lake, Wisconsin and Gibson is incarcerated at the Kettle Moraine Correctional Institution in Plymouth, Wisconsin. The prisoners should arrive at the court no later than 8:00 a.m.

Entered this 5th day of September, 2008.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

BARBARA B. CRABB

District Judge