

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

CHARLES WILSON,

Plaintiff,

v.

KEN GREETAN, *et al.*,

Defendants.

ORDER

06-C-585-C

On September 11, 2007, plaintiff moved to compel discovery of information from defendant Greetan's personnel file. The state asked the court to stay its ruling pending an attempt to negotiate an accommodation. The parties *thought* they had reached an agreement, with the state making redacted personnel records available for plaintiff to review and take notes. Plaintiff however, believed he would be getting his own photocopies of Greetan's personnel records to keep with his case materials. Plaintiff now asks that the court order the state to provide him with his own copies.

This is not going to happen. Plaintiff may be entitled to *access* to the requested information in order to prepare his direct or cross examination of Greetan, but the state's legitimate security and privacy concerns strongly militate against allowing any prisoner to keep a hard copy of such documents, even in redacted form. The fact that plaintiff "does not want to take notes" is not a reason to deviate from this court's standard policy of forbidding the circulation within the inmate population of hard copies of employee information from personnel files. The state has met its discovery obligations to plaintiff. He is entitled to nothing more.

Therefore, it is ORDERED that plaintiff's motion to compel discovery is DENIED.

Entered this 11th day of October, 2007.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER
Magistrate Judge