

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

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TOMMIE CARTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

MEMORANDUM

12-cv-301-slc

THOMAS BELZ, KEITH WIEGEL,  
SHAWN GALLINGER, SARA MASON, SHANA BECKER,  
JONI SHANNAN-SHARPE<sup>1</sup>, JOLINDA WATERMAN,  
PATRICIA REID and JOHN DOE,

Defendants.

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Pursuant to an informal service agreement between the Wisconsin Department of Justice and this court, DOJ has agreed to accept electronic service of documents on behalf of the defendants it represents. The Wisconsin Department of Justice has indicated that it will represent defendants Belz, Wiegel, Gallinger, Mason, Becker, Shannan-Sharpe, Waterman and Reid in this case. Therefore, for the remainder of this lawsuit, plaintiff does not have to send a paper copy of each document he files with the court to the Department. All he has to do is submit the document to the court, and the Department will access the document through the court's electronic filing system.

Once the identity of the John Doe defendant has been ascertained, the Department will decide whether to accept service on his behalf. If the Department decides to represent John Doe, you will not have to send a paper copy of each document to him. If the Department does not accept service, you will have to send John Doe or his attorney, a paper copy of each document.

Discovery requests or responses are an exception to the electronic service rule. Usually, those documents should be sent directly to counsel for the opposing party and do not have to be sent to the court. Discovery procedures will be explained more fully at the preliminary pretrial conference.

Entered this 16<sup>th</sup> day of August, 2012.

BY THE COURT:

/s/

STEPHEN L. CROCKER  
Magistrate Judge

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<sup>1</sup> I have amended the caption to replace Joni Shannan with the name Joni Shannan-Sharpe as identified in the Acceptance of Service.