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CORRECTIONS ADMINISTRATORWWW.ORANGECOUNTYGOV.COM**MEMORANDUM**

TO: Sheriff Carl E. DuBois

FROM: Lieutenant Luis A. Moreno 020

DATE: December 16, 2020

RE: Complaint by Inmate [REDACTED] to New York State Commission of Correction

On December 11th, 2020 I was instructed to conduct an investigation regarding a complaint sent to the New York State Commission of Correction from Inmate [REDACTED]. The complaint was written by Inmate [REDACTED] November 18th 2020 and mailed to the New York State Commission of Correction via U.S Mail on November 20th 2020. In Sum and Substance, Inmate [REDACTED] states that he asked Sergeant Vincent Murphy for a facility issued radio and was denied and told that the Sergeant did not have to issue him a radio. Inmate [REDACTED] states that he requested a grievance from Sergeant Murphy and was also denied. Additionally, Inmate [REDACTED] claims that the facility hasn't responded to his grievances and is throwing them away. I instructed Grievance Coordinator Sergeant Keith Kiszka and Sergeant Vincent Murphy to author a memorandum regarding Inmate [REDACTED] complaint. Sergeant Murphy explained in his memorandum that Inmate [REDACTED] did in fact request a radio however, there were none available to be issued at that time. Sergeant Murphy also stated that at no time did Inmate [REDACTED] ever request a grievance regarding the issue nor did he state to Inmate [REDACTED] that he did not have to issue him a radio. Sergeant Kiszka authored a memorandum in which he states that at no time has Inmate [REDACTED] requested a grievance. On November 18th a note was collected from the [REDACTED] grievance box from Inmate [REDACTED] in which he explained that he was requesting a radio. Sergeant Kiszka verified Inmate [REDACTED] claim and after doing so instructed staff to issue Inmate [REDACTED] a radio. Inmate [REDACTED] was issued a radio on November 20th 2020, the same date in which correspondence was sent to the New York State Commission of Correction. I spoke with Inmate [REDACTED] regarding the issue on December 16th 2020. I asked Inmate [REDACTED] to elaborate on his complaint. Inmate [REDACTED] stated that he requested a radio several times until it was finally issued. Inmate [REDACTED] did not provide staff names or dates and times that he allegedly requested the radio. I asked Inmate [REDACTED] if the issue had been resolved and whether he in fact needed access to the grievance program. Inmate [REDACTED] stated that he did not. The facility does issue inmates a portable radio. The radios are made available to inmates after being properly decontaminated for COVID-19 protocols. Although there may not have been a portable radio immediately available, Inmate [REDACTED] was issued a radio two days after his request. In regard to Inmate [REDACTED] claim that his grievances are being discarded; Inmate [REDACTED] has been issued one

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grievance during his current incarceration which was issued on October 12th 2020. The grievance was investigated and accepted in part. The grievance was forwarded for appeal to the New York State Commission of Correction on October 19th, 2020. I find that Inmate [REDACTED] complaints are unfounded. Inmate [REDACTED] was not immediately issued a radio upon his request but was issued one two days after his request. The only grievance that has been requested or submitted by Inmate [REDACTED] was investigated properly and forwarded for appeal.

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Commission of Correction

ALLEN RILEY
Chairman

THOMAS J. LOUGHREN
Commissioner

December 11, 2020

Colonel Anthony Mele
Orange County Jail
110 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, New York 10924

Dear Colonel Mele:

Please find the enclosed letter from Mr. [REDACTED] who is currently incarcerated at the Orange County Jail. The incarcerated individual alleges that he is having difficulty accessing the grievance program. Please discuss this matter with the facility's grievance coordinator and provide whatever assistance to the inmate you deem appropriate.

Sincerely,

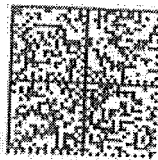
A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Paul D. [unclear]".

Correctional Facility Specialist

Cc: enclosure

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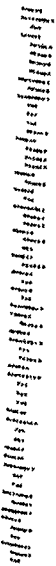
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From: [REDACTED]
To: Grievance, I.G.E.
Date: 11-18-20
Subject: Grievances

I have been requesting for a radio for over two months

The general policy states "The 0700-1500 Shift only officers will answer there is an adequate supply of signed radios."

It is the policy of the Orange County Sheriff's Office to provide Sheriff's radios with earpieces to inmates. I have been requesting a radio from Sergeant

Murphy several times and been denied and told he doesn't have to issue me a radio. I request a grievance and also denied

Action Requested:

This sergeant is reprimanded and moved from this area for harassment and repeated abuse of authority.

Grievance # 11-00011-20
M. J. [REDACTED] Sheriff's Office

It's facility hasn't been responding
to my grievances and threatening
this act together with mail
a federal crime.

Respectfully,


State of New York
County of Orange

Sworn to before me this

18 day of November, 2020

Vernon J. Gifford
Notary Public



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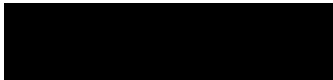
From: Grievance Coordinator Sgt. Keith Kiszka 134 

Date: 12/11/2020

Re: Inmate [REDACTED] issued a facility radio.

On 11/18/2020 I received a letter from Inmate [REDACTED] asking for a radio that was collected from the grievance mailbox on [REDACTED] housing unit. In this letter he never requested a grievance. He just requested a radio. After verifying his request, I issued Inmate [REDACTED] a radio with batteries and ear buds on 11/20/2020.

Thank you,
Sergeant Keith Kiszka 134



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OMS

Offender Management System

File

Non

Accounting

Reports

Batch Processes

Help

Name:

J.O.B.

Release:

Adm

COUNTY INMATE

Location:

Section:

Block:

Cell: B

Perm #:

CID #:

Bkg Data:

Classif:

Booking

Alias

Booking Questions

Clothing

Property

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Detainers

User Defined

Inmate Notebook

Inmate Search

NCIC Queries

- Booking
- Housing
- Case Manager
- Inmate Programs
- Release
- Reports
- Scheduling
- Medical
- Assessments
- Accounting
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- Commissary
- Work Release
- Community Service
- Home Monitoring
- Inmate Mail
- Security Threat Group

Property Being Processed

Entry Date/Time:

11/20/2020 14:47

Condition:

Confiscation Type:

Issued to Inmate

Quantity:

1

Unit:

Court Clothing:

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Category:

Facility Issued Radio

Original Disposition:

Inmate Custody

Description:

Recording Officer ID:

MACKEY, CHRISTOPHER

Style:

Person Authorized for Release:

Color:

Relationship to Inmate:

No Image Available

Image Controls

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Property Location						
Date/Time	Warehouse Type	Warehouse	Property Container	Action	Officer ID	Property ID
11/20/2020 14:47	Inmate Radios	Issued Radios	0003	Inmate Custody	MACKEY, CHRISTOPHER	

Property Location History						
Date/Time	Warehouse Type	Warehouse	Property Container	Action	Officer ID	Property ID

Date	Author	Note



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MEMORANDUM

TO: Sheriff Carl E. Dubois
FROM: Sergeant Vincent Murphy 062 *Sgt. W.A. 062*
DATE: December 11, 2020
RE: [REDACTED] complaint.

I am authoring this memo at the direction of Lieutenant Luis Moreno 020 in response to Inmate [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] had asked me for a facility radio while on rounds in his housing unit. I advised Inmate [REDACTED] that there were no radios currently available to be issued to him. I also advised Inmate [REDACTED] that as soon as a radio became available, I would get him one. I at no point advised Inmate [REDACTED] that I did not have to issue him a radio. At no point did Inmate Thomas ever request a grievance from me nor did I deny him one. End of memo.

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