UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF INDIANA TERRE HAUTE DIVISION

BOBBY SHAWN LOCKHART,)	
	Plaintiff,)	
vs.)	Case No. 2:14-cv-106-JMS-DKL
BUREAU OF PRISONS,)	
	Defendant.)	

Entry Denying Motion for Temporary Restraining Order

In his motion for a temporary restraining order, the plaintiff alleges that as part of a change in policy, the prison removed a computer from his housing unit and now the plaintiff must go to the law library to use a computer for research. The housing unit computers were only intended for account information and correspondence, and were never intended for purposes of research. The plaintiff alleges that the removal of the computer from his housing unit has made it more difficult for him to maintain and bring his claims.

To succeed in obtaining preliminary injunctive relief, the plaintiff must establish that he is likely to succeed on the merits, he is likely to suffer irreparable harm if preliminary relief is not granted, the balance of equities tips in his favor, and it is in the public interest to issue an injunction. *United States v. NCR Corp.*, 688 F.3d 833, 837 (7th Cir. 2012). The prison has not removed all computers. The law library is still available to the plaintiff. The plaintiff's access to the courts is not barred by this policy change.

The plaintiff's motion for a temporary restraining order [dkt. 28] is **denied** because the plaintiff has not shown irreparable harm and it is not in the public interest to issue a preliminary injunction under these circumstances.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Date: September 23, 2014

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