

**UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY**

Chambers of
STEVEN C. MANNION
United States Magistrate Judge

Martin Luther King Jr, Federal Bldg.
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January 17, 2018

LETTER ORDER-OPINION

**Re: [D.E. 157]
Love v. New Jersey Department of Corrections et al.
Civil Action No. 15-cv-4404 (SDW) (SCM)**

Dear Litigants:

Before this Court is Plaintiff Lemont Love's ("Mr. Love") informal motion for leave to serve additional interrogatories.¹ Defendant Corrections Officers Gerald Doyle, Ruben Morales, and Robert Wasik, and Administrator Patrick Nogan ("Mr. Nogan") (collectively, "State Defendants") oppose the motion.² The Court has reviewed the parties' respective submissions and decides the issues without oral argument. For the reasons set forth herein, Mr. Love's informal motion is **denied**.

Mr. Love seeks to serve additional interrogatories on Mr. Nogan.³ He posits that the additional interrogatories are required because Mr. Nogan allegedly came to his cell, upon learning of this lawsuit, ". . . and retaliated" against Mr. Love.⁴ Mr. Love's application to add these new

¹ (D.E. 157, Pl.'s Motion).

² (D.E. 166, Defs.' Opp.).

³ (D.E. 157, Pl.'s Motion)

⁴ (D.E. 157-1, Pl.'s Br., at 1-2)

allegations to this case, however, was denied,⁵ and Judge Wigenton affirmed this Court's order on November 13, 2017, finding it "[in]appropriate to supplement the First Amended Complaint with these new causes of action."⁶

The sole purpose of discovery is to add flesh for trial on the parties' respective claims and defenses in the given action. Discovery is not a fishing expedition for potential claims.⁷ The requested additional interrogatories are not relevant to this litigation and therefore the motion is **denied**. The Clerk of Court will mail a copy of this Order to Mr. Love.

IT IS SO ORDERED.



A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Steve C. Mannion".

Honorable Steve Mannion, U.S.M.J.
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⁵ (D.E. 144, Opinion)

⁶ (D.E. 159, Opinion, at 3).

⁷ *Smith v. Lyons, Doughty & Velduius, P.C.*, 2008 WL 2885887, at *5 (D.N.J. July 23, 2008).