

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

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United States Magistrate Judge

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LETTER OPINION AND ORDER

RE: **Sharob Abdul-Aziz v. Hicks, et al.**
Civil Action No. 20-10265 (SDW)(AME)

Dear Litigants:

The Court has received and reviewed the November 21, 2024 letter filed by Defendants New Jersey Department of Corrections, Justin Kemps, and Thomas Meades, providing the Court with an update on the status of this case. [*See* D.E. 123].

The Court also notes the parties' correspondence with each other via mail. In light of Plaintiff Sharob Abdul-Aziz's incarcerated status, the delays that result from communication by mail, and the end-of-the-year holidays, and in order to permit the parties to conduct a fair exchange of materials to facilitate a resolution of this matter on the merits, it is hereby **ORDERED** that the fact discovery deadline is extended to **February 21, 2025**.

It is further **ORDERED** that the parties shall file another status letter—joint, if possible—on or before **February 18, 2025**, updating the Court on the status of this matter.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

/s/ André M. Espinosa

ANDRÉ M. ESPINOSA
UNITED STATES MAGISTRATE JUDGE