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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT EASTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON

No. 13-CV-5028-EFS

No. 13-CV-5038-EFS

ORDER REGARDING CONSOLIDATION

Plaintiff,

v.

Defendants.

Plaintiff,

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KATRINA SUCKOW, BONNIE KLAHN, and THOMAS ROE,

Defendants.

Before the Court are numerous motions by the parties as well as the issue of consolidation. The Court takes each issue in turn.

I. Consolidation of Cases

Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a) permits a court to "join for trial" or consolidate actions before the Court that "involve a common question of law or fact." On April 18, 2016, the Court requested briefing by the parties on whether consolidating these two cases was appropriate. The Court believed that given the similar questions of law and fact and the similar procedural postures,

consolidation was appropriate. The Defendants responded and are in favor of consolidation but request a continuance if the Court choses to do so. ECF Nos. 203 & 204. Plaintiff does not oppose consolidation but requests mediation if the Court consolidates.

Both of these cases are now past the discovery and summary judgment stages of litigation. Plaintiff in both cases alleges Eighth Amendment violations by employees of the Washington State Penitentiary. The backgrounds in these two cases are substantially the same. Therefore, pursuant to Federal Rule of Civil Procedure 42(a), the Court consolidates these two cases finding that both cases have similar questions of law and fact, and that judicial economy and the ends of justice are best served by combining these two cases. The Court sets new trial and pretrial dates, as well as additional deadlines below.

As to Plaintiff's request for mediation, the Court is not opposed to the idea. However, the Court will not force the parties to mediate if they do not want to participate. It is clear that the Plaintiff seeks mediation. However, the Court will order mediation only if the Defendants believe it also proper. By no later than May 31, 2016, Defendants must file a notice with the Court indicating whether they support referring this case to mediation.

II. Motion for Protective Order, Case No. 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 195

Plaintiff seeks a protective order in *Troupe v. Suckow*, 13-CV-5038. ECF No. 195. Plaintiff appears to seek an order requiring either that 1) Ms. Amy Clemmons be forced to remain as the attorney of record in this case or 2) bar all other attorneys for the

Washington State Attorney General's office from accessing the records in this matter. As to Plaintiff's first request, Local Rule 83.2(d)(3) states: "Where there has simply been a change (withdrawal or addition) of counsel within the same law firm, and order of substitution is not required." If two attorneys practice in the same law firm, they may substitute in on a case without permission from the Court. Therefore, the Court will not force Ms. Clemmons to remain on this case if the Attorney General's Office believes it in its best interest to substitute counsel.

As to Plaintiff's privacy concerns, the Court expects that the Attorney General's Office, and all the attorneys working on this case, will take reasonable measures to protect the medical and mental health records of Plaintiff. However, the Court will not bar certain individuals who work in that office from accessing those records. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order, ECF No. 195, is denied.

III. Motion for 25 Blank Subpoenas, Case No. 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 212

Plaintiff asks for "25 blank subpoenas for witnesses in #13-CV-5038-EFS July 18, 2016 trial" without explanation or clarification. The Court assumes that this request is in response to the Court's previous Order Regarding Plaintiff's Trial Witnesses, ECF No. 202. As the Court stated in that order, if Plaintiff wants to subpoena witnesses, "he must first file a motion with the Court clearly and specifically identifying 1) the first and last name of each witness for whom he seeks the issuance of a trial subpoena, and 2) the witness's address at which service will be effected." A motion

requesting 25 blank subpoenas, more than is currently on his witness list, without explanation or clarification, does not suffice.

Additionally, Plaintiff has failed to abide by the Court's scheduling order in that his witness list, ECF No. 214, fails to "include a brief description of the witness, a brief summary of the witness' anticipated testimony, whether the witness will be called as an expert, and any known trial date/time conflicts that witness has." ECF No. 173.

For these reasons, Plaintiff's Motion for 25 Blank Subpoenas, ECF No. 212, is denied. If Plaintiff wants to subpoena witnesses for trial, he must file a list of witnesses with the Court clearly stating what he expects each witness to testify to and why that testimony is relevant to the narrow Eighth Amendment claims in these cases. The Court will then send the subpoenas for those witnesses and will not permit him to subpoena witnesses that have not been approved by the Court. New deadlines for witness lists are delineated below.

IV. Motion to Approve a Subpoena, Case No. 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 215

Plaintiff asks the Court to approve a discovery subpoena in Troupe v. Suckow, 13-CV-5038. ECF No. 215. The Court reminds Plaintiff that discovery in these cases has ended. All that remains for both of these cases is to prepare for trial using the discovery already obtained. No further discovery subpoenas will be approved. Only trial subpoenas will be issued and only after the requirements in the Court's orders have been met. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion to Approve Subpoena, ECF No. 215, is denied.

V. Motion for Reconsideration, Case No. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 268

Plaintiff asks the Court to reconsider its Order Granting in Part and Denying in Part Defendants' Motion for Summary Judgment. ECF No. 268. Specifically, Plaintiff argues that Mr. Christopher Bowman should not be dismissed from this case. Plaintiff, however, provides no new evidence or case law supporting his proposition. He simply argues that Mr. Bowman retaliated against him in a different way. As the Court stated in its order, Plaintiff has failed to show an essential element of his First Amendment retaliation claim against Mr. Bowman and therefore summary judgment is appropriate. Therefore, Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Case No. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 268, is denied.

VI. Conclusion & Deadlines

The parties must carefully read the Court's prior Scheduling Order, ECF No. 173, and abide by its requirements that are not superseded by the deadlines below. The following deadlines apply to the single consolidated remaining case:

Witness and Exhibit lists:		
Lists filed and served:	September 1, 2016	
Objections filed and served:	September 9, 2016	
Deposition Designations:		
Designated Transcripts served:	August 12, 2016	
Cross-Designations served:	August 19, 2016	
Objections filed and served:	August 26, 2016	
All motions in limine filed	September 1, 2016	
Joint Proposed Pretrial Order filed	September 23, 2016	
and emailed to the Court		
Confer with Courtroom Deputy	1 Week Before Pretrial	
regarding JERS		
DDEED TAL COMEED ENGE	October 4, 2016	
PRETRIAL CONFERENCE	1:30 P.M Richland	

1	Trial briefs, jury instructions, verdict forms, requested voir dire, and list of exhibits admitted without objection, filed and		
	verdict forms, requested voir dire,		
2	and list of exhibits admitted	October 10, 2016	
	without objection, filed and		
3	emailed to the Court		
4	Mediation, if any, must be	90 Days Before Trial	
	completed by	90 Days Belore Illar	
5	JURY TRIAL	October 24, 2016	
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The parties do not need to refile the motions in limine they have already filed. Those will be heard at the October 4, 2016 pretrial conference. If the parties wish to file additional motions in limine, specific to the claim against Officer Brodhead, which are being consolidated into this case, they must do so by the deadlines listed above.

Accordingly, IT IS HEREBY ORDERED:

- Plaintiff's Motion for Protective Order, Case No. 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 195, is DENIED.
- Plaintiff's Motion for 25 Blank Subpoenas, Case No. 13-CV-5038, ECF No. 212, is DENIED.
- 3. Plaintiff's Motion to Approve a Subpoena, Case No. 13-CV5038, ECF No. 215, is DENIED.
- 4. Plaintiff's Motion for Reconsideration, Case No. 13-CV-5028, ECF No. 268, is DENIED.
- 5. Troupe v. Brodhead, 4:13-CV-5028-EFS, and the single remaining Eighth Amendment claim against Officer Brodhead is merged into this case.
- 6. All future filings in either case shall be filed under Case

 Number 4:13-CV-5038-EFS, unless the Court later directs

1		otherwise. Case Number 4:13-CV-5028-EFS shall be
2		administratively closed.
3	7.	The Caption is hereby AMENDED. All papers filed in this
4		action shall hereinafter use the caption "DAVID TROUPE,
5		Plaintiff, v. KENNITH BROADHEAD, KATRINA SUCKOW, BONNIE
6		KLAHN, and THOMAS ROE, Defendants," and shall bear the
7		docket number, "4:13-CV-5038-EFS."
8	8.	All parties in both cases are to file all documents
9		pursuant to the deadlines set forth above and subject to
10		the requirements set forth in the Court's December 8, 2015
11		Amended Scheduling Order, ECF No. 173.
12	9.	Defendants must file a notice with the Court by May 31,
13		2016, stating whether or not they believe mediation is
14		appropriate in this matter.
15	10.	Plaintiff's Motion in Limine, ECF No. 196, and Defendants'
16		Motion in Limine, ECF No. 181, are RESET to be heard at the
17		October 4, 2016 pretrial conference.
	TT T	S SO ORDERED. The Clerk's Office is directed to enter this
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19		provide copies to counsel and Mr. Troupe.
20	DATEI	this 17 th day of May 2016.
21		s/Edward F. Shea
22		EDWARD F. SHEA
2.2		Senior United States District Judge
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