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6 UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
WESTERN DISTRICT OF WASHINGTON  
7 AT SEATTLE

8 KYNTREL T JACKSON,

9 Plaintiff,

10 v.

11 DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
WASHINGTON, et al.,

12 Defendants.  
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Case No. C16-1856-RAJ-MAT

ORDER

14 This is a 42 U.S.C. § 1983 prisoner civil rights action. On September 18, 2017, plaintiff  
15 filed a request for production of documents with the Court. (Dkt. 36.) The Clerk of Court notified  
16 plaintiff that his discovery request was rejected and was being returned to him. On October 16,  
17 2017, plaintiff filed a letter complaining about the Clerk's response. (Dkt. 38.) Specifically, he  
18 expressed concern that he was being denied the right to view the discovery, which he believed was  
19 available to the defendants. (*Id.*)


20 Under the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure, parties must serve discovery requests directly  
21 on the other parties and may not file discovery requests with the Court. Fed. R. Civ. P. 5(d)(1).  
22 The only time discovery may be submitted to the Court is if it accompanies a motion. *Id.*  
23 Plaintiff's discovery request was returned to him because it was filed in contravention of the rules.

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1 He is not being denied the right to view discovery that defendants can access. If plaintiff has  
2 discovery requests, the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure require that he send them directly to  
3 defendants, not the Court.

4 The Clerk is directed to send copies of this order to the parties and to the Honorable Richard  
5 A. Jones.

6 Dated this 18th day of October, 2017.

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Mary Alice Theiler  
United States Magistrate Judge