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Mr. Troupe now requests an additional 180 day extension of the discovery deadline "due to depression, ADD, PTSD, and BPD." Dkt. 43. He claims that he suffers from multiple mental health issues, cannot write for long periods of time, and has limited access to legal research and his legal materials. *Id.* He also contends that an extension is warranted because he cannot pay for discovery. Dkt. 43. The Court previously allowed Mr. Troupe an additional sixty days to organize his litigation and conduct discovery. Within this time, however, the parties have failed to resolve a dispute over the production of documents responsive to Mr. Troupe's discovery requests.

The Court is aware that Mr. Troupe has sought the production of documents and that counsel for defendant has withheld the documents because Mr. Troupe is unable to pay for copying costs. The Court previously denied two of Mr. Troupe's motions based on his indigent status. Dkts. 38 and 42. Defendants informed the Court that they have identified each set of responsive records along with a brief description of what the records contain, have offered to provide a disk with the discovery documents that could be mailed to a third party to review and make copies, and have offered to print the responses double-sided to save fifty percent of the cost. Dkt. 46, p. 4. In response, Mr. Troupe raises various objections to these proposed options but notably states that he "has made \$58.33 available to Ms. Beach to cover the copy and postage costs, but so far she's refused." Dkt. 47, p. 4. Mr. Troupe also mentions litigation costs of \$50.00, but it is unclear whether this is the amount of copying and mailing the discovery to Mr. Troupe. *Id.* 

## Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

(1) Defendants shall file a surreply to Plaintiff's response (Dkt. 47) on or before **June 19, 2015**. Defendants shall include a description of the responsive records at issue, the amount

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of pages, and a breakdown of the costs associated with production. Defendants shall also respond to Plaintiff's statement that counsel has refused \$58.33 to cover copy and postage costs.

- (2) Plaintiff's second motion for an extension of the Court's pretrial deadlines (Dkt.43) and third motion to compel discovery (Dkt. 44) are re-noted for June 19, 2015.
  - (3) The Clerk shall send copies of this Order to Plaintiff and counsel for Defendants.
     DATED this 8<sup>th</sup> day of June, 2015.

Karen L. Strombom

United States Magistrate Judge