

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF RHODE ISLAND

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UNITED STATES OF AMERICA )  
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 v. ) CR. No. 10-184-2 S  
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 JOSE ALIBAL SANTIAGO, )  
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 Defendant. )  

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**ORDER**

WILLIAM E. SMITH, United States District Judge.

Defendant, Jose Santiago, is a federal pretrial detainee presently held in the custody of the Massachusetts Department of Corrections at MCI Cedar Junction in Walpole, MA. Mr. Santiago's case is scheduled for a jury trial to commence in September 2013. Discovery by the government in this matter is voluminous and includes many thousands of pages of documentation, video recordings, audio recordings, digital photographs, forensic reports, and other types of evidence. The documentary evidence was copied and reproduced for Mr. Santiago at government expense and then transferred to the custody of MCI Cedar Junction for Mr. Santiago's viewing. The digital evidence, which could not be copied or reproduced, was uploaded onto a special laptop computer, also at government expense, and transferred to the custody of MCI Cedar Junction for Mr. Santiago's viewing. As a result, Mr. Santiago, through MCI

Cedar Junction, should now be able to access and view all of the discovery materials disclosed by the government in his case.

On March 5, 2013, Mr. Santiago filed a motion with this Court for miscellaneous relief. (ECF No. 242.) The motion alleges difficulties experienced by Mr. Santiago in receiving access to his discovery materials. With his trial rapidly approaching and the volume of discovery materials that needs to be assimilated, this Court deems it necessary to order MCI Cedar Junction to make specific accommodations for Mr. Santiago to access his discovery. In order to afford Mr. Santiago with adequate time to review these materials, prepare for trial, and meaningfully participate in the preparation of his defense, this Court orders MCI Cedar Junction, including its agents, employees and officers, to provide Mr. Santiago with weekly access to both his hardcopy and digital discovery materials. Specifically, Mr. Santiago shall be able to access his hardcopy discovery materials not otherwise stored in his cell a minimum of three times per week for a duration of thirty minutes each time. This accommodation is ordered so that Mr. Santiago may exchange hardcopy discovery material stored in his cell with those materials not stored in his cell and which are stored in the possession, custody and/or control of MCI Cedar Junction's Property Officer. This Court further orders that Mr. Santiago be permitted to access his electronic discovery materials on the

special laptop provided to him during normally scheduled visits to the MCI Cedar Junction inmate library. The laptop shall be stored in a location accessible by an agent, employee or officer of MCI Cedar Junction who shall make the computer physically accessible to Mr. Santiago during his library visits, along with an adequate power source so that he may power the laptop to view his electronic discovery materials during library hours. The accommodation set forth herein should be sufficient to allow Mr. Santiago necessary access to discovery; however, if further accommodation is called for, counsel shall file a request for relief at the earliest date feasible.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

*/s/ William E. Smith*

William E. Smith  
United States District Judge  
Date: May 29, 2013