

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE NORTHERN DISTRICT OF MISSISSIPPI
GREENVILLE DIVISION**

MICHAEL AMOS, et al.

PLAINTIFFS

V.

NO. 4:20-CV-7-DMB-JMV

TOMMY TAYLOR, et al.

DEFENDANTS

ORDER

During the January 29 status conference noticed by the Court, the Court informed the parties that the record on the plaintiffs' motion for a temporary restraining order and injunctive relief was incomplete and insufficient. Accordingly, the Court advised the parties it intended to allow expedited limited discovery relevant to the plaintiffs' motion. The Court directed the parties to attempt to reach an agreement on the scope and timing of discovery and to provide an update by 4:00 p.m. the next day. At approximately 3:30 p.m. on January 30, the parties, by separate e-mails, informed the Court that they were unable to reach any agreement as to any discovery.

Upon review of the parties' e-mail correspondence, it appears that neither the plaintiffs nor the defendants heeded the Court's directions or attempted to confer in good faith. The plaintiffs' proposed requests are unspecific and, in some cases, are not discovery requests at all. The defendants' rejections of the requests are conclusory and do not appear to be responsive to the nature of the relief sought by the plaintiffs in their motion. Based on these deficiencies and lack of cooperation, it is apparent and discouraging that this Court's intervention is required. Accordingly, it is **ORDERED**:

1. No later than 3:00 p.m. on February 1, 2020, the plaintiffs may file a motion to compel expedited discovery, setting forth, with appropriate specificity,¹ the discovery they seek,

¹ To the extent the plaintiffs seek access to the prison for their counsel or others, the request must specifically identify

including the proposed time period, the methods, and the proposed scope.

2. No later than 3:00 p.m. on February 2, 2020, the defendants shall file a response to the plaintiffs' motion, which must include a counter-proposal to any objectionable discovery request.

3. No later than 9:00 p.m. on February 2, 2020, the plaintiffs shall file a reply to the defendants' response.

4. The parties shall appear before the Court in person on February 3, 2020, at 2:00 p.m., to resolve any outstanding issues concerning expedited discovery.

SO ORDERED, this 31st day of January, 2020.

/s/Debra M. Brown
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

the individuals to be provided access and must explain why the request for access would not implicate security concerns.