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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
DISTRICT OF OREGON  
PORTLAND DIVISION

PRISON LEGAL NEWS, a project of the  
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER,  
Plaintiff,

v.

COLUMBIA COUNTY; COLUMBIA  
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JEFF  
DICKERSON, individually and in his capacity  
as Columbia County Sheriff,  
Defendants.

No. CV 12-71-SI

DECLARATION OF JOHN  
WEISENBERGER

I, John Weisenberger, declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18 and I am competent to testify. The statements of fact contained herein are based on my personal knowledge.

2. I was incarcerated in the Columbia County Jail from May 2010 until January 2012. The Columbia County Jail had a Postcard-Only Mail Policy the entire time I was incarcerated.

3. Due to the Postcard-Only Policy, I was not able to communicate by mail with my partner, Kira Diamond, regarding our two children, our financial situation, or other matters important to our family.

4. While I was incarcerated in the Columbia County Jail, my young children were not able to meaningfully write to me on postcards because of the limitations of their handwriting, and they could not send me pictures that they drew for me or any photographs because the restrictive policy prohibited such mail. I had very little contact with my young children during the 1.5 years I was at Columbia County Jail as a result of the Postcard-Only Policy.

5. Kira purchased magazine subscriptions for me to National Geographic, Newsweek, and Bloomberg Weekly while I was in the Columbia County Jail. I received all three magazines monthly for approximately eight months.

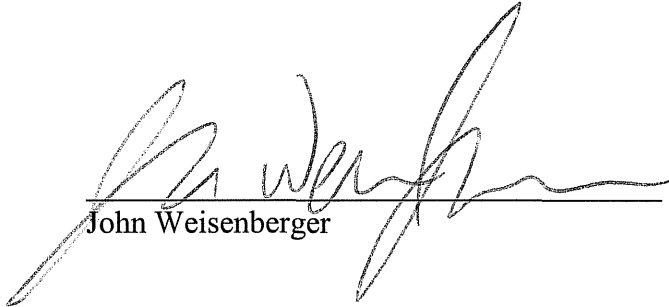
6. But I stopped receiving the magazines in approximately September 2011. I filed a written grievance but received no written response from the Jail. Based on my experience in the Columbia County Jail, it was typical for the Jail to respond to written grievances in person instead of in writing.

7. Sgt. McMiller responded verbally to my grievance. He told me that the Columbia County Jail was enforcing its Postcard-Only Policy, so the Jail would not deliver my paid subscription magazines to me.

8. I did not receive any of my magazines from September 2011 up until the time I transferred to the SeaTac Federal Detention Center in mid-January 2012.

I declare under penalty of perjury of the laws of the United States of America and the State of Washington that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 27 day of February, 2012, at SeaTac, Washington.



John Weisenberger

**CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE**

I hereby certify that on March 6, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing to the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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