



# Idaho Department of Correction Grievance Form

Offender Name: HODGE, JASON DEAN

Location: IMSI

Offender Number: 124001

Number: IM 21000239

Category: POLICY OR SOP

### Offender Grievance Information

Date Received: 06/07/2021

The problem is:

Policy 402.02.01.001, #3, bullet nine prohibits inmates from discussing incidents they are allegedly involved in - including incidents that have been referred to law enforcement. This prevents them from informing advocats and oversight, loved ones and lawyers.

I have tried to solve this problem informally by:

Concern form to policy coordinator

I suggest the following solution for the problem:

Change the policy as needed to comply with the constitution.

### Level 1 - Initial Response

Date Forwarded: 06/07/2021

Date Returned:

06/21/2021

Date Due Back: 06/21/2021

Level 1 Responder:

SOUTHWICK,

The response from the staff member or person in charge of the area/operation being grieved:

As the policy coordinator, I only COORDINATE the process of revising SOPs. The subject matter experts in the Division of Prisons provide the actual CONTENT. You will need to address this with leadership in the Division of Prisons.

### Level 2 - Reviewing Authority Response

Date Forwarded: 06/21/2021

Grievance Disposition:

MODIFIED

Date Due Back: 07/05/2021

Level 2 Responder:

WESSELS, SUSAN

Date Returned: 06/30/2021

Response sent to offender:

06/30/2021

Your grievance has been reviewed and I find:

Modify

SOP 402.02.01.001--Mail Handling in Correctional Facilities  
#3. Prohibited Use of Mail8230Inmates are prohibited from using mail for the following  
Bullet point 9 states, "Information related to the crime, sentence, or identity of 'another inmate'"

This bullet point does not prohibit a resident from speaking with advocates, oversight, loved ones and lawyers about his/her involvement in an incident in which he/she had a personal connection or the his/her own private information. A resident however does not have the right to use the mail in

regards to the crime, sentence, or identity of 'another' resident.

**Offender Appeal**

Offender Comments:

1.) the provision in question prohibits residents from relaying personal case information codefendents and classes.2.)This provision prohibits legal resources and reference from reaching residents; as many legal resources and reference materials contain nothing but information of crimes, sentences, identities, processes and outcomes. Thus, the department is not only hindering their residents ability to seek representation, but also prohibiting access to updated materials hat allow residents the ability to adequately represent themselves.

**Level 3 - Appellate Authority Response**

Date Appealed:	07/07/2021	Grievance Disposition:	MODIFIED
Date Forwarded:	07/07/2021	Level 3 Responder:	DAVIS, TYRELL
Date Due Back:	07/23/2021	Response sent to offender:	

Date Returned:

Your appeal has been reviewed and I find:

I have reviewed the grievance and concur with the level two response.