COMMONWEALTH OF MASSACHUSETTS THE TRIAL COURT SUPERIOR COURT DEPARTMENT

BRISTOL, ss.

Docket No. 1773CV00325

SHAYANNA JENKINS HERNANDEZ
Personal Representative on behalf of the
Estate of AARON HERNANDEZ
Plaintiff

V.

MASSACHUSETTS DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTION,
THOMAS TURCO,
Commissioner of the Department of Correction,
DANIEL BENNETT,
Secretary of Public Safety and Security, and
STEVEN SILVA,
Superintendent of the Souza-Baranowski Correctional Center,
Defendants

ORDER

The plaintiff's motion to produce Aaron Hernandez' jail cell writings (Paper # 12) is ALLOWED IN PART.

The court ORDERS that the District Attorney for the Middle District (Worcester County) produce copies of any suicide or other notes, if any, that appear to have been authored by Aaron Hernandez in connection with his death. The District Attorney may redact those notes prior to production for the purpose of protecting information the production of which may impair any ongoing investigation. The District Attorney shall exercise discretion in redacting any such information but such redactions, if any, shall be reasonable in scope and solely for the purpose of protecting the integrity of such ongoing investigations. To the extent that information can be produced without impairing any ongoing investigation, it shall be produced.

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After any redactions, the note(s) shall be sent forthwith to the plaintiff's counsel by e-mail or such other means as the parties may agree. The note(s) shall be produced in time for the Hernandez family to have them at the time of his burial, which is scheduled for this afternoon.

April 24, 2017

Thomas F. McGuire, Jr.
Justice of the Superior Court