

PRISONER/PAROLEE GRIEVANCE APPEAL FORM *Rec'd 3/13/18*

Date Received by Grievance Coordinator at Step II: MAR 15 2018

Grievance Identifier: URF1810110297115E

**INSTRUCTIONS:** THIS FORM IS ONLY TO BE USED TO APPEAL A STEP I GRIEVANCE.

The white copy of the Prisoner/Parolee Grievance Form CSJ-247A (or the goldenrod copy if you have not been provided with a Step I response in a timely manner) **MUST** be attached to the white copy of this form if you appeal it at both Step II and Step III.

If you should decide to appeal the Step I grievance response to Step II, your appeal should be directed to: URF  
Warden's Office by 3-21-18. If it is not submitted by this date, it will be considered terminated  
untimely.

If you should decide to appeal the response you receive at Step II, you should send your Step III Appeal to the Director's Office, P.O. Box 30003, Lansing, Michigan, 48909.

Name (Print first, last)	Number	Institution	Lock Number	Date of Incident	Today's Date
<u>GOULD, RAND W.</u>	<u>C-187131</u>	<u>URF</u>	<u>B-176</u>	<u>1/17/18</u>	<u>3/14/18</u>

**STEP II - Reason for Appeal** Step II Respondent lied and falsely claimed grievant was interviewed when he was not, as grievant refused to be interviewed, informing R. Valle that PD 03.02.130 (U)(X) states "staff who may be involved in the issue being grieved shall not participate in any capacity in the grievance investigation" and the inappropriate respondent shall generally be the supervisor. Consequently, Step II investigation was not conducted, if conducted at all, by the proper respondent and is null and void, despite the fact R. Valle admits to the violations of policy and law set forth at Step I. As such, R. Valle is clearly guilty of failure to become familiar and comply with MDOC rule, policy and procedure in violation of MCL 19.142, as well as guilty of neglect of duty, MCL 750.478, misconduct in office, obstruction of justice and misprison, MCL 750.005, under state law as cited, requiring investigation and prosecution by State Police and Attorney General. Moreover, R. Valle and URF mail room staff are guilty of conspiracy with U.S. Postal mail and conspiracy to violation of grievant's Civil Rights under color of law in violation of 18 USC 3524, 242, 1707, 1703, requiring investigation and prosecution by U.S. Postal Inspector, FBI, and U.S. Attorney General. *3/14/18*

**STEP II - Response**

*See Attached*

Date Received by Step II Respondent:  
MAR 15 2018

Connie Horton, Warden  
Respondent's Name (Print)

*[Signature]*  
Respondent's Signature

3/04/18  
Date

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Date Returned to Grievant:  
3-29-18

**STEP III - Reason for Appeal** Step II respondent Connie Horton cites PD 05.03.118 (B)(B) for the ridiculous proposition that "step I response was appropriate" exposing the fact she is not even remotely familiar with policy and is therefore guilty of failing to be familiar with policy and department rules, neglect of duty, misconduct in office, obstruction of justice and misprison requiring her to be arrested and prosecuted in accordance with MCL 19.142, MCL 750.478 and MCL 750.005, at minimum, as well as 18 USC 3524 and 242. Moreover, Horton ignores the fact there was no interview because grievant refused to be interviewed, as R. Valle was "involved in the issue being grieved" PD 03.02.130 (V), was not even a "supervisor or person being grieved" and, thus, was not "an appropriate respondent," PD 03.02.130 (X). In fact, R. Valle's involvement is a compelling conflict of interest and staff corruption. Remedial action at Steps I & II must be granted.

**NOTE:** Only a copy of this appeal and the response will be returned to you. *[Signature]* 4/04/18

**STEP III - Director's Response** is attached as a separate sheet.

STEP II GRIEVANCE RESPONSE FOR PRISONER: **GOULD 187131 B-176 (URF)**

Grievance **URF 1801 0297 15E** has been reviewed.

Grievant filed due to not receiving his newsletter in a timely manner.

This Step II Respondent finds the Step I response was appropriate and is supported by PD 05.03.118, Prisoner Mail, Paragraph BBB states, "Facilities shall endeavor to process all incoming and outgoing mail within one business day after receipt. Mail received by any form of express mail or special delivery is not required to be expedited. Mail sent or received over holidays or weekends, and mail requiring special handling, may require additional time in processing. However, mail sent via disbursement to a court, an attorney, or a party to a lawsuit shall be processed consistent with the requirements set forth in Paragraph O. Prisoners shall not be used to process mail."

The Step I Respondent found new policy directive changes require most incoming mail is to be placed in a plain envelop with inmates name, number, and lock on it. This activity has placed all incoming mail processing behind. Mail staff endeavor to process the mail as received by date. No inappropriate action was found on the behalf of the mailroom employees.

Based on the above finding(s), this grievance appeal is denied.



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Connie Horton, Warden



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Date

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PRISONER/PAROLEE GRIEVANCE FORM

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CSJ-247A

Date Received at Step I 1-25-18 Grievance Identifier: URF11810110297115E

**Be brief and concise in describing your grievance issue.** If you have any questions concerning the grievance procedure, refer to PD 03.02.130 and OP 03.02.130 available in the prison Law Library.

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What attempt did you make to resolve this issue prior to writing this grievance? On what date? 1/18/18  
If none, explain why. Grievant gave notice to mail room of below said policy violation and damage to U.S.P.S. mail and requested resolution. No response has been received as of this date.

State problem clearly. Use separate grievance form for each issue. Additional pages, using plain paper, may be used. Four copies of each page and supporting documents must be submitted with this form. The grievance must be submitted to the Grievance Coordinator in accordance with the time limits of OP 03.02.130.

On 1/17/18 grievant received mail from the National Prisoners' Information Network, Inc, dated 12/20/17, some sixteen (16) business days after it should've been received by URF mail room on 12/26/17. This is a direct violation of PD 05.03.118 (WHH), which requires mail to be processed and delivered to grievant within one (1) business day. Moreover, said mail consisted of seven (7) pages stapled together that had been ripped apart without removing the staples, causing damage to all (7) seven (7) pages. Said violation of policy, along with the senseless, unnecessary destruction of grievant's property constitutes a failure, if not a outright refusal to comply with employee work rules, PD 02.03.107, MCL 15.342, MCL 19.142, MCL 750.418, which rises to the level that makes this a matter for investigation by Internal Affairs, if not State and Federal authorities. Wherefore, grievant demands mail room employees involved be subject to, at minimum, employee discipline per PD 02.03.100.

[Signature], 1/23/18  
Grievant's Signature

RESPONSE (Grievant Interviewed?)  Yes  No If No, give explanation. If resolved, explain resolution.)

Mr. Gould wants to be interviewed by supervisor

See attached

R Valle 2-28-18 [Signature] 3-5-18  
Respondent's Signature Date Reviewer's Signature Date  
R Valle God Ben S. [Signature] [Signature]  
Respondent's Name (Print) Working Title Reviewer's Name (Print) Working Title

Date Returned to Grievant: 3-6-18 If resolved at Step I, Grievant sign here. Resolution must be described above. [Signature] Date

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# Step I Grievance Response

Grievance Number: URF 1801-0297-15E

Prisoner Name: Gould

Prisoner Number: 187131

Prisoner  was  was NOT interviewed. GIVE REASON:

## SUMMARY OF COMPLAINT:

Grievant has a complaint that his mail had not been processed in a timely manner. Requesting an investigation.

## INVESTIGATION INFORMATION

Grievant was interviewed ,by phone March 1,2018.

## APPLICABLE POLICY, PROCEDURE, ETC.

PD 05.03.118 Prisoner Mail

## SUMMARY

Upon review, the mailroom is behind in processing mail due to the new changes in policy. Mail staff shall endeavor to process the mail as we have received it by date. Legal is pulled daily and staff have been granted OT, to try and catch up.

RESPONDENT NAME: R. Valle TITLE: Goa 7 Mailroom

RESPONDENT SIGNATURE: *R Valle* DATE: 3/1/18

REVIEWER NAME: *Jason Corvino* TITLE: *JM*

REVIEWER SIGNATURE: *[Signature]* DATE: 3-5-18