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Re: W.D. Wis. U.S. District Court Case No. 12-cv-646-WMC

### Nathaniel Lindell v. Gary Hamblin, et alia

- a supermax prisoner's civil-liberties suit against staff, claiming several violations of free speech rights.

Dear \_\_\_\_\_

You should know of the forenoted case, being litigated by a long-time supermax prisoner (Nate Lindell - he blogs at <http://betweenthebars.org/blogs/540/nathaniel-lindell/>), alleging that his free speech rights were violated and are being violated by prison staff:

- 1) Denying him two literary magazines (i.e. Poet Lore and Crazy Horse) by deeming them to be "books" - books must arrive with receipts, while periodicals such as magazines need no receipt in order to be allowed;
- 2) Denying him possession of hardcover books, specifically his dictionary, which, as a writer/poet, he especially needs;
- 3) Denying all prisoners access to the prison library's National Geographic magazine because one prisoner damaged one issue;
- 4) Denying prisoners Inter-Library Loan materials;
- 5) Denying prisoners access to the W.D.O.C.'s Budget Report, specifically in order to stop Lindell from litigating or writing about waste and fraud;
- 6) Prohibiting Lindell from donating his excess publications to the prison library, while allowing him to donate such to the town's library;
- 7) Denying prisoners in a disciplinary confinement status from lending newspapers from the prison's library.

Lindell successfully litigated a challenge to a former ban by the W.D.O.C. on newspaper clippings, which the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals in Chicago affirmed in Lindell v. Frank, 377 F.3d 655 (7th Cir. 2004), a much-cited case. Prison Legal News ([www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org)) recently ran an article about another convict's case, which Lindell successfully litigated.

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