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WI Supermax Prisoner Asks Supreme Court To Review Appellate Court's Approval of Prison Staff Destroying His Educational Books & Drawings

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Nate A. Lindell, a prisoner held in solitary confinement at the WI Secure Program Facility (W.S.P.F.) filed a Petition for Certiorari with the U.S. Supreme Court, asking it to review the 17 March 2017 decision of the Seventh Circuit U.S. Court of Appeals (ca7.uscourts.gov), which approved the seizure & destruction of:

- Lindell's drawings (of wolves, Celtic designs, political cartoons), simply because staff deemed them "finished" hobby projects;

- Lindell's books, because he had more than 25, & staff refused to let him choose the 25 to keep - instead they picked the ones to destroy.

The case is Lindell v. Pollard, et al., No. 17-5398, and its status may be followed on supremecourt.gov, ph. 202-479-3011.

The Petition for Certiorari also argues that the A.A.G. who represented the defendants in the District Court (i.e. Jody Schmelzer, schmelzerjj@doj.state.wi.us) should have been sanctioned under Fed. R. Civ. P. 11, because she misrepresented the law & the facts in her defense of prison staff, & because she gave additional reasons for defendants' actions in a reply brief, after having been warned in a prior case of Lindell's that such arguments must be presented in her opening briefs.

The seizures occurred in 2012, after Lindell was trans-

ferred out of W.S.P.F. (a supermax prison) to Waupun Correctional Institution (W.C.I.), which occurred due to Lindell (after having spent over 12 years in solitary at W.S.P.F.) assaulting guards + threatening to kill one if not sent out.

It was because Lindell is thousands of dollars in debt from costs of litigating other suits that his extra books (chosen by staff) were destroyed. Prison staff only allow prisoners to mail out books, + Lindell couldn't pay the postage.

Some of the books destroyed, which Lindell asked to keep, were:

Reason + Responsibility (a philosophy textbook)

The World of Psychology

The Bedford Handbook for College Writers

Oxford Pocket American Dictionary

Samples of Lindell's wolf drawings, a self-portrait + a political cartoon were attached to his Petition for Certiorari. Other art, and writings on various subjects, by Lindell may be viewed on his blog

<http://betweenthebars.org/blogs/540/>

or

www.prisoninmates.com/NateLindell303724

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