LEVEL ONE STAFF RESPONSE UTAH STATE PRISON

GRIEVANCE NUMBER: 990870749

INMATE NAME:

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/ Mail

NATURE OF GRIEVANCE:

Inmate _____ is grieving the mailroom stating that on several occasions he was denied religious information from various senders because since he was housed in Intensive Management he was not allowed to receive publication subscriptions.

He believes that denying his religious publications/subscriptions violates his constitutional rights.

REMEDY SOUGHT:

wants to be able to receive his religious material from various senders.

RESEARCH OF GRIEVANCE:

Inmate mail, incoming or outgoing, shall be processed and handled within the DIO Mail Unit in accordance with U.S. Postal Service regulations and guidelines insofar as they are applicable and do not conflict with safety, security or operational requirements of the DIO, and with applicable DIO policies, procedures and technical manuals. (FDr03/02.03)

Mail, other than first class mail, privileged and/or religious should not be allowed for inmates on Intensive Management. Mail other than first class, privileged and religious shall not be permitted and includes, but is not limited to newspapers, magazines, pamphlets, brochures, etc.. Refused mail shall be returned to the sender. (FDr25/02.10 G.; FDr25/03.01)

When incoming publications are received for inmates housed in U1, acceptable issues are forwarded to the inmates there. Once the housing unit mail handlers determine which inmates on "Intensive Management" are not authorized to retain publications, they return them to the Mail Unit to be sent back to the sender. (Intensive Management inmates shall be informed of the possible restrictions on inmate mail.) (FDr03/03.03 M; FDr03/03.06, .07; FDr25/03.01 B., G.)

The intent of withholding mail, other than first class, privileged (legal), and/or religious is to prevent the accumulation of items within IM housing units, which could be used to disrupt the management of IM inmates and to motivate inmates to a higher level of functioning. (FDr25/03.02)