

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MASSACHUSETTS

MARK ANTHONY REID, on)
behalf of himself and others)
similarly situated,)
Plaintiff/Petitioner,)
)
)
v.) C.A. NO. 13-cv-30125-MAP
)
CHRISTOPHER DONELAN, Sheriff)
of Franklin County, et al.,)
Defendants/Respondents.)

ORDER RE: DISCOVERY

July 8, 2015

PONSOR, U.S.D.J.

Counsel appeared before this court for a status conference on June 30, 2015. At that time, the court took three issues under advisement: first, whether the court should order Defendants to notify class counsel of bond hearings even where the alien is already represented by private counsel; second, whether the court should order Defendants to notify class counsel and the alien fourteen days prior to the time that the alien will be eligible for a bond hearing; and, third, whether the court should order the parties to conduct formal discovery.

The court will issue a further order with regard to the first two issues. With regard to the third issue, resolution is obvious, and a timely order will get the process going. Counsel's remarks at the status conference

made it clear that there is a significant substantive dispute between the parties about the sufficiency of Defendants' provision of the necessary information regarding the class. Attempts to provide this information informally have not satisfied Plaintiff's counsel. It is clear that the only way to properly resolve these issues is to permit formal discovery and allow the parties to file motions to compel or for protective orders as needed, if they feel that is appropriate.

With this in mind, the court hereby orders that Plaintiff's counsel may notice two depositions of knowledgeable representatives of the Defendants, to take place within the next sixty days. It is understood that each of these depositions will require no more than one day, or two total days of depositions.

It is So Ordered.

/s/ Michael A. Ponsor
MICHAEL A. PONSOR
U. S. District Judge