

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF PUERTO RICO

CARLOS MORALES FELICIANO, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
v.
PEDRO ROSSELLO GONZALEZ, et al.,
Defendants.

CIVIL NO. 79-004(PG)

**ORDER DIRECTING NOTICE TO ALL PRISONERS
WITHIN THE JURISDICTION OF THE ADMINISTRATION OF CORRECTION**

Recent legislation has made a number of changes affecting the filing of lawsuits by prisoners under 42 U.S.C. § 1983. The Court feels that it is incumbent upon it to apprise prisoners of these changes.

WHEREFORE, within fifteen (15) days of the entry of this Order, the Administrator of Correction shall cause to be distributed to members of the plaintiff class in this cause copies of the Spanish and English language versions of the attached "Notice to Prisoners Filing Civil Rights Actions Under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 ("Notice") by taking the following steps:

- (1) Five (5) copies of the Spanish language version and five (5) copies of the English language version of the Notice shall be posted in each dormitory unit, cell block, admission or detention cell, and each security housing unit, in all institutions, half-way houses, and other facilities operated by the Administration of Correction or housing members of the plaintiff class.
- (2) Five (5) copies of the Spanish language version and five (5) copies of the English language version of the Notice shall be made available in each prison library in institutions housing members of the plaintiff class.

- (3) A sufficient supply of the Notice, in Spanish and English, shall be maintained and distributed at each relevant institution to provide replacement copies as they are requested by prisoners and to ensure that all members of the class (including prisoners newly assigned to admission cells) have an opportunity to review the Notice.
- (4) In particular, the Administrator shall ensure that any prisoner whose housing assignment (e.g., in a lock-down unit, infirmary, or hospital) hinders his or her access to a copy of the Notice is provided with an individual copy of the Notice in the language of the prisoner's choice.
- (5) The Administrator of Correction shall require the Superintendents of all facilities housing members of the plaintiff class in this cause to certify in writing to the Court that the requirements for distribution set forth in this Order have been met for a period of thirty (30) continuous days. Upon the expiration of this period, the Administrator of Correction shall file these certifications together with a certification by the Administrator that all steps required by this Order have been taken.

The Clerk of Court shall notify counsel of record, José A. Fuentes-Agostini and Víctor V. García Gutiérrez, Administrator of Correction Joseph F. Colón, and Joint Compliance Consultant Vincent M. Nathan with a copy of this Order and its attachments.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

In San Juan, Puerto Rico, this day of October, 1996.

**JUAN M. PEREZ-GIMENEZ
U.S. DISTRICT JUDGE**