

January 4, 2016

ROBERT GIBBS #510503 SHASTA COUNTY JAIL REDDING, CA 96001

Re: SC RD CV FL 15 - 0182773

Dear Mr. Gibbs:

This is to acknowledge receipt of your letter received on December 14, 2015, addressed to the Honorable Gary Gibson, concerning the above-referenced matter.

I can assure you the judge is concerned with this case; however, it is not appropriate for the judge to receive direct communications or argument on the case except in open court or with the consent of all counsel/parties.

A judge is bound by the Code of Judicial Ethics. The California Code of Judicial Ethics, Canon 3B(7) provides that a judge shall not initiate, permit, or consider ex parte communications, or consider other communications made to the judge outside the presence of the other parties concerning a pending or impending proceeding except in certain, limited situations as delineated in Canon 3B(7).

Consistent with the directives of Canon 3B(7)(d), this letter is being sent to all parties with a copy of the ex parte communication attached so that, if appropriate, a party may request an opportunity to respond.

Absent such a request, the correspondence has been placed on the unofficial side of the case file without referral to a bench officer. If you choose to re-submit your correspondence, a copy of the correspondence needs to be sent to all parties in the case and your letter needs to indicate that has been done.

Neither bench officers nor court staff may provide legal advice; therefore, the Court will not respond to your question as to how to proceed.

Sincerely,

SHASTA COUNTY SUPERIOR COURT

C. Crabbees

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cc:

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