

Documented list of religious items authorized for all Wiccan federal inmates

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REQUEST FOR ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDY

Administrative Remedy No. 762470-F1

Part B - Response

This is in response to your Request for Administrative Remedy No. 762470-F1, received December 20, 2013, wherein you request a copy of Technical Reference Manual 5360.01 to learn what you are allowed to have on your person in the units and procedures and supplies for Chapel worship. You state that the information in the Law Library does not provide specific information for your religion (Wicca), only a generalization of all religions.

A review of records and consultation with staff reveals that you are correct that Program Statement 5360.01, available in the Law Library, does not contain information specific to the Wicca religion. Information specific to Wicca is contained in the "Manual on Inmate Beliefs and Practices", which is written for Bureau Chaplains and administrators, and is not authorized for distribution, copy, or viewing by inmates.

While you are not authorized to have a copy of the entire manual, you are authorized to know what items Wiccans are authorized to keep in their possession and what items Wiccans are authorized for congregate worship.

Personal Religious Items

Book of Shadows

Divination tool (Tarot Cards, Rune Cards, or Rune stones. Rune stones are plastic or wood)

Items to honor the elements of nature: Salt, Feather, Herb, Air, Wood Wand, Water

Picture of Divine Unity/Divinity

Religious medallion, usually a pentacle, and chain

Congregate Religious Items

Altar, Altar Cloth, Anointing Oil, Bell, Book of Shadows, Candle, Chalice, Drum, Feather Herbs (sage, cedar, lavender, frankincense, myrrh, rosemary, chamomile)

Icon (picture/statue of the sacred)

Incense

Pentacle

Pentagram

Quartz crystal

Rattle

Tarot or Rune cards

Salt


Tabard (Hoodless Poncho)

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Accordingly, your Request for Administrative Remedy is denied, in that the aforementioned TRM 5360.01 is not authorized to be distributed, copied, or viewed by inmates. **If you are dissatisfied with this response, you may appeal to the Regional Director at the Southeast Regional Office, 3800 Camp Creek Parkway, S.W. Building 2000, and Atlanta, Georgia 30331. Your appeal must be received in the Regional Office within 20 calendar days of the date of this response.**


_____, Warden

12.31.13
Date