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DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

Roanoke Regional Office
116 North Jefferson Street
Roanoke, Virginia 24016

August 30, 2013

In Reply Refer To: 314/217/90

CSS [REDACTED]
PINCKNEY, [REDACTED]

The Honorable Tim Kaine
United States Senator
222 Central Park Avenue
Suite 120
Virginia Beach, VA 23462

Dear Senator Kaine:

I am writing to you in response to your recent letter concerning Mr. Ronald Pinckney.

The issue surrounding placing an amount of \$99,999.00 as a debt on a Veteran's award in order to comply with a garnishment is strictly for internal purposes. This only applied to cases which existed in our previous system. When these cases were converted from our old computer system, this adjustment was required for tracking. This action is not necessary for Veterans established in our new system. Since the Department of Veterans Affairs (VA) operates under one computer system, this procedure would apply to all regional offices.

I can assure you this information is not reflecting anywhere outside of the VA to include his credit report. When the garnishment has been satisfied, the Department of Child Support Enforcement will advise us via court order to cease further collection.

I hope this information helps to clarify the concerns expressed by Mr. Pinckney and apologize that this internal information was ever released to him.

For Further Information or Assistance

I appreciate your interest in Mr. Pinckney, and hope this information is helpful. If he has additional questions or concerns, he should feel free to visit the VA Regional Office located at the address shown above, or telephone toll-free 1 (800) 827-1000. Or he may contact us at <https://iris.va.gov>. A representative will be happy to assist him.

Sincerely,

Keith M. Wilson

Keith M. Wilson
Director

DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS

MEMORANDUM

Date:

From: Finance Officer

To: Veterans Service Center Manager

Subj: Garnishment Order- 3711908 CVD0007330

Attached is a Court Order (Legal Process) to garnish the VA benefits of the above named veteran.

1. Is the veteran receiving disability compensation? YES ☒ NO ☐
2. If no, does he receive NSC disability Pension? YES ☐ NO ☒
3. Is there a waiver of MRP in effect? YES ☒ NO ☐
4. If yes, what is amount of MRP waived, effective (insert date) \$974.00 eff 12-1-08
5. Does veteran does receive additional allowance for the dependent(s) the garnishment is for? YES ☒ NO ☐
- 6- Are benefits currently being apportioned? YES ☐ NO ☒
- 7- If yes please advise who the apportionment is for, amount and effective date.

David M. Svirskey
David M. Svirskey VSCM

TO: Regional Counsel
FROM: Finance Officer

Please review information furnished by VSCM.

☐ 1- Veteran is not receiving disability compensation or does not have a waiver of MRP. Please take necessary action.

☒ 2- Veteran does receive disability compensation and MRP waiver is in amount shown above. Information concerning additional allowance for dependents is shown above also.

Please advise Veterans Service Center Manager of action to be taken on this Legal Process.

TO: VSCM
From: Regional Counsel (02)

In compliance with 5CFR 581 establish a garnishment in the amount of \$ 389.60, effective now



DEPARTMENT OF VETERANS AFFAIRS
Roanoke Regional Office
210 Franklin Road SW
Roanoke Virginia 24011

April 17, 2009

In Reply Refer to: 314/244A

SS: [REDACTED]

[REDACTED] L PINCKNEY
P.O. BOX 4057
VIRGINIA BEACH, VA 23454

DEAR Mr. Pinckney:

We have taken action to withhold \$389.60 monthly from your VA benefits effective with the check due 05/01/09 based upon the attached garnishment order. Only 50% of veterans monthly compensation received in lieu of retired pay are subject to garnishment.

Any legal action to stop or abate the withholding will have to be taken by you at your expense.

Sincerely,

Robert T Larkins
Finance Officer