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**The correct request format**

I would like RCW 18.20.020  
I would like *State v. Wade*, 388 U.S. 218, 87  
S.Ct 1926, 18 L.ed2d 1149  
I would like Wn Prac vol. 13 Section 2100

**The wrong request format**

What are my rights?  
What forms do I need to file in court?  
I would like to know about filing a motion.  
How do I file a lawsuit?

Pursuant to jail policy, we will not provide photocopies of materials that are available within the jail law library.

The Law Librarian will try to fill requests from inmates within 24 hours of receipt. Some exceptions will apply when the Law Librarian is not available.

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