



## MCO MOVES FORWARD WITH APPEAL OF RUO RULING

MCO's attorneys have drafted a thorough appeal to the Civil Service Commission classification division's RUO decision handed down in June.

The appeal will be filed by the

Oct. 4 deadline. MCO was granted extensions on filing the appeal due to the amount of research required. Union attorneys have had to sift through thousands of pages of documents the classification divi-

sion used to make their decision and other documents.

The classification division determined the MDOC was justified in eliminating the RUO position. MCO couldn't disagree more.

## STATE FILES APPEAL REQUEST WITH SUPREME COURT ON 4 PERCENT

The state has asked the Michigan Supreme Court to consider whether the four percent pension contribution is Constitutional.

Last month, the Michigan Court of Appeals ruled the four percent contribution the legislature imposed on state employees is uncon-

stitutional. Only the Civil Service Commission can regulate state employee pay, the COA said.

The state filed paperwork Tuesday asking the Supreme Court to take up the case. The Supreme Court will now decide whether to examine the case or let the COA

ruling stand.

We've been victorious in this case so far, and we are hopeful that, even though there is a 5-2 Republican majority on the Supreme Court, we'll win there, too.

Watch MCO's website, KYIs and bulletins for more updates.

## PART-TIME COs HERE FOR TWO MORE YEARS

This week Gov. Rick Snyder signed a bill allowing retired COs to work part time in prisons through Sept. 2015 while collecting a pension.

Legislators gave final approval for HB 4664 earlier this month. A previous version of the law, passed last year, let retirees work through

September 2013.

Go to the MCO website to see how your legislator voted on HB 4664.

MCO was (and still is) opposed to these measures. But the union is encouraging all members to work together to efficiently and safely run the facilities.

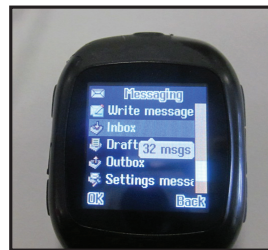
### APPLY FOR CLOSER TO HOME TRANSFERS NOW

Officers may apply for closer-to-home transfers during the month of October. To apply for the list, email [Cherelyn@mco-seiu.org](mailto:Cherelyn@mco-seiu.org). For more information on closer-to-home transfers, see Article 15, Part D, Section A-5 of your contract.

## AROUND THE STATE: WEAPONS AT STF; CELL PHONE WATCH FOUND



STF officers caught inmates dumping these weapons on the yard Thursday.



had a charger. Good job to the COs who found this.

SRF officers discovered Saturday an inmate's watch was actually a cell phone. The prisoner also

This wrapped scissor was found recently under a rec cabinet in the C unit at DRF. Etched into the blade is the number of a prisoner who was paroled in 2010!



**Good work, officers!**