

**Defense Summaries for Alleged Violations of Supervised Release
Rockenhaus, Conrad
May 07, 2025**

Preliminary Note:

The following defense summaries address the alleged violations of supervised release by Conrad Rockenhaus. It is pertinent to note that these allegations arose subsequent to the assignment of Probation Officer (PO) Stylianos Agapiou in September 2024. Prior to PO Agapiou's supervision, Mr. Rockenhaus maintained 2.5 years of compliance under his former PO, PO Rice. A formal complaint has been filed against PO Agapiou detailing harassment, misconduct, and actions I believe were attempts to manufacture violations. PO Agapiou has since been removed from Mr. Rockenhaus's case. This context is relevant to the pattern of issues and the credibility of the allegations.

Defense to Allegation 1: Unlawful Use of a Controlled Substance

Mr. Rockenhaus, a medically retired veteran with diagnosed PTSD and a traumatic brain injury, utilizes cannabis for medical necessity to manage severe pain and PTSD symptoms. This use is supported by the legality of cannabis (medical and recreational) in Michigan, and physician testimony can corroborate its necessity. The positive urine screen for Marijuana on November 19, 2024, to which he admitted, must be viewed in this medical context.

Defense to Allegation 2: Failure to Make Restitution Payments

The defense asserts consistent adherence to the established restitution payment plan. Mr. Rockenhaus has been making \$50 monthly payments, an amount set by his initial PO, PO Rice. The claim of non-payment or failure to comply with a financial investigation for a new, significantly higher payment of \$800/month (allegedly recommended in January 2025) is disputed. Income statements were submitted to PO Agapiou in person, contrary to the report's assertion, and the \$800 figure was never previously communicated.

Defense to Allegation 3: Failure to Report

The allegation that Mr. Rockenhaus was an absconder is denied. The probation office was kept informed by Mr. Rockenhaus's wife and his physician regarding his admission to a VA mental hospital for acute PTSD symptoms; privacy policies likely prevented direct VA confirmation of his patient status in the mental health ward. Assertions of failed contact attempts by the PO in March are contested and can be disproven by phone records. Mr. Rockenhaus was arrested at his residence, where he is consistently present due to disabilities and a home-based business, not while absconding.

Defense to Allegation 4: Incurring New Credit Charges

The charge of improperly incurring new credit is contested on two fronts. Firstly, several listed accounts (Merrick Bank, Credit One Bank, SYNCB/AMAZON PLCC) were not opened by Mr. Rockenhaus, and potential identity theft is being investigated. Secondly, other specified accounts (Current, Empower/Finwise, CCB/BRIDGE IT INC, CLEO/WEBBANK) are not "lines of

credit" but are secured credit-building apps requiring a deposit, and thus do not violate the condition as alleged.

Defense to Allegation 5: Unauthorized Use of Internet-Connected Device

The Apple iPhone seized on November 19, 2024, was not an unauthorized personal device. It is a business phone, owned by Mr. Rockenhaus's wife (his employer), and was issued to him for work purposes. Permission for its seizure was not granted, and it has not been returned. Crucially, the Violation Report itself concedes that a manual search of the phone revealed no issues. The allegation of "personal use" appears based solely on the phone being found in his pocket, which does not negate its primary work-related function.