

The Wisconsin Department of Corrections houses its mentally ill prison population in its vast segregation units.

Inmates without mental illnesses begin to develop symptoms of confusion, frustration, inability to concentrate, begin to day dream, fantasize, they become aggressive and jumpy; have exasperated responses to minor instances, a guard not responding to their questions, and are known to respond irrationally violent; they feel lethargic, hopeless withdrawn, and begin to express rage internally and externally. Via, self mutilation and destroying property or forcing confrontations which would force them to be subdued and removed from the cell by physical intervention.

These inmates are met with more punishments, loss of recreation, paper, pens, linens, trays ect. until the inmates is in the most spartan of environments, An environment conducive to more rage, when this rage is unable to be expressed or realized externally it becomes rage expressed internally.

Inmates tear asunder their own flesh with the most innocuous items, toenails, pieces of

plastic, and even biting chunks out of their own flesh. Some inmates driven to the brink have inserted toe nails, paints chips ect into the urethra of their penises, and ~~Two~~ inmates ripped his own eyes out. One is now permanently Blind after he removed his eyes then flushed them down the toilet.

Kerry Kerf's, 'the million dollar man,' has been in segregation for years, swallowing tooth brushes, cutting himself, once after swallowing typewriter keys, he returned after surgery, was strapped down in 4 point restraints, he managed to remove a hand from its binding and ripped open the stitches and began removing his intestines. ~~AFTER~~ over a decade of this type of behavior he was ultimately transferred to Wisconsin state mental Hospital, Mendota mental health Institute.

The D.C.C sees inmates actions as malingering and manipulative. This was the Attorney Generals response to all lawsuits filed against the W.DOC. a theme parroted by wardens, security directors and officers alike. Layman with no expertise in the psychological effects

of prolonged segregation.

It has been well established that solitary confinement, even after short confinement left inmates in a "semi fatuous" condition, from which it was next to impossible to arouse them, others became violently insane others still committed suicide; ... The Supreme Court acknowledged this in 1890 in *In re Medley* 134 U.S. 160.

The use of segregation creates a perpetual cycle where by inmates reactions to their conditions are penalized, which keep inmates in segregation longer and the cycle continues

There are numerous inmates who will be released from prison after being exposed to these conditions. Inmates who initially were brought to prison for property offenses, car theft, or waived from Juvenile Facilities for "battery", were housed in segregation for prolonged periods between 2- to 5 years and are now incarcerated for extremely heinous crimes. Murder, double murder, tripple murders. Shawn Matz, Lorenzo Balli, Miguel Hiracheta, are a couple examples. This is the cost of long term isolation.