

Dion Mathews

Dear Peg,

I wanted to share a bit of my story about me being on A.C. for you to post, as you inquired, and as you like.

I've been housed at W.S.P.F. since 2006, and from that time until now I've spent mainly ten of those years in solitary confinement. I was in g.p. in 2015, and was put back on solitary confinement that same year. I was put back essentially for writing a letter to the warden here, and administrative staff requesting more opportunities for prisoners here. These requests were written respectfully, polite, and honestly.

After viewing these requests apparently officials at this institution decided that they needed to write me a conduct report stating that I was a "gong member" and for writing this administration "demanding changes". The conduct report stated that in my proposal I wrote "we ask, and we propose" and that meant to this administration that I was "demanding things".

That interpretation was quite preposterous indeed. Enclosed is one of the letters I sent to the warden, and there you can see how respectful my writings tend to be. This case is currently in front of U.S. District Court Western District of Wisconsin, and documents can be accessed through the court's electronic filing system, at

Dion Mathews v. Hebbes Brown 1:16-cv-650. Needless to say the psychological and physical effects of long term solitary confinement is devastating especially in this situation when no kind legitimate penological interest exist or existed. This is just punishing for punishment's sake.

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Date: ~~11/28/15~~ 11/30/15317  
To: Mr. Gary Brighton - Warden - W.S.P.F.

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WARDEN'S OFFICE  
WSPF

Dear Mr. Warden,

I wanted to take this time to personally inform you of some serious concerns of mine, and also as a result bring that to you, and propose certain ideas that I believe will help address my concerns, and possibly all those similarly situated.

First I would like to start by saying that I've been housed at this institution since the beginning of 2006; during that time and up until now this institution is notoriously known for imposing some of the worse living conditions by WSPF's rules, regulations, and opportunities, which has resulted for a vast amount in the deterioration of the physical, mental, and spiritual well being. <sup>provide</sup> <sup>re</sup> <sup>according to policy</sup> <sup>equipment/outdoors</sup> <sup>for weather permits</sup>

I could list to you a number of those issues that have contributed to mine from being here these last ten years, but to preserve time here I ask just to present a few of the most recent concerns of mine. One that has been pressing is the issue with the very thin mattresses that are in most cells, these are the ones that are very old. At this time I have one of those very old very thin mattresses in my cell, and I've contacted the unit manager Brian Koel, and unit Sgt. (who can both have me provided with better mattress), and have let them know that I am hurting to the point of loss sleep, but have been meet with nothing but resistance, and indifference to my request which leads me to my second issue:

There is a serious lack of concern for any of my issues by the staff here at this institution. If one is able to really examine this situation it could be said that a policy is in

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place by staff here to personally deny, confront, and antagonize me which in turn they hope to create volatility. For my own part I'm really not looking for that, and that's one of the reasons I wanted to propose ideas to see if we could help bring about a better way to live and work here.

The most important way to proceed in this situation for my opinion is the enacting of weekly or monthly meetings by an appointed staff of this administration, and a prisoners appointed committee. This will allow everyone to establish, create, and maintain effective communication to address all concerns and issues at a positive platform so that confusion, and frustration doesn't allow to rule and dictate prisoners and staff's thoughts, and ideas. This is a common practice amongst many prisons in this country, and is a proven method.

There is a hosts of items that can be brought to this venue to which if enacted will cost the state or this institution nothing. And if some ideas will cost, the committee will take responsibility for seeing that these projects can be funded by other means. From higher educational opportunities, all the way down to more institutional opportunities. I've been out here in general population for almost a year now, and have not gotten a chance at one job opportunity.

In conclusion: I've presented to you every bit of personal information that I'm able to share about my issues and concerns, and earnestly request that you address each one of them to help ensure my positive movement going forward, because even in prison I should be forced to live as if I don't matter.

Sincerely

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