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Phil Keller 395959

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8/31/20

guard caught
destroying mail

Mr. D. Radtke, Warden
Green Bay Corr. Inst.

Re: CO-Pauze (8/28) - Tampering with Inmate Mail

Dear Mr. Radtke,

I wanted to contact you as part of my chain of command, regarding the above-named staff member.

The incident arose on 8/28/20 at 1:07 AM. CO-Pauze was folding seg clothing at the officer's work station in R110. During this time I was standing at my cell door (1009) and observed her reach over with her left hand and grabbed a piece of inmate mail which appeared to be in a ~~envelope~~ a embossed envelope to be mailed. CO-Pauze tore open the end and pulled the letter out. She then grazed her eyes up without moving her head, towards the RMI Control Bubble, to see if someone was watching her. She then crumpled the envelope and tossed it in the garbage (small) can. She also unfolded the letter, looking briefly at both front and back of 2 separate pages when she crumpled them and tossed them into the garbage can. (It must not have occurred to her that she was being observed by the new security camera over the workstation, along with myself.)

I attempted to address the issue with Sgt. Cuomo who stated he looked in the garbage can and did not see anything. When he informed me of this, I advised him of the correct garbage can. Cuomo then stated he did not "... want to put her on front-street."

As I stood at my door waiting angrily to speak with Lt. Brechbuehler, I informed him of the situation. After leaving my cell, he went and retrieved the 2 mentioned items from the garbage, confronted the situation and then they went outside to rec pen area to talk... and then each individual staff member. Brechbuehler returned to my cell to inform me that "... the issue is being addressed, and the mail would be sent to the intended receiver," and appreciating my reporting so. I am aware that she is a new-hire and to my knowledge, she is to be on a 90-day probationary period. I recall her

2/ CONT: (CO-Pauze)

First day of OJT in PHU, and with pen and pad in hand, following every foot of her trainer and taking notes. Apparently, she failed to make note not to open/tamper with inmate mail as this constitutes a FEDERAL VIOLATION of crime.

Since she returned to work the following night; I have watched her carefully in that she has been gathering all garbage around the workstation and sneering at mail laying on the station table, which is a greater concern.

I have filed my complaint, and spoke to SEVERAL staff members about this, to ensure an internal investigation will be conducted. While she has committed a violation of her probationary job duties; I feel this need to be investigated/reviewed by Law Enforcement on a Federal and State level, and I plan to contact every official, and department necessary, as well as media, and Doc's Administrator.

I ask that you take immediate action concerning this matter. Thank you.

J. Kind, Sec. Director
cc: Makda Fessahayee--
JAT Admin.

Respectfully
Tara Nelson

Reference: GBCI-2020-15128

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(Due to the restraints of limited supplies/forms, I state this is a TRUE and CORRECT copy of the following.)

INMATE COMPLAINT

Inmate Name: Keller, Phil
DOC #: 395959
Housing Unit: 7HU
Facility: CBI
Location of Incident: AHS-Officer Workstation Tables
Date of Incident: Aug. 28 2020
Time of Incident: 1:07 AM

... ONE issue of this complaint. remedial action ...

CO-Pauze tampering (opening/throwing away) USPS Inmate Mail. Due to the significant nature of complaint, and her probationary period; She should be terminated, and a referral for prosecution.

... Whom did you attempt to resolve your ONE issue ...

Sgt. Coumo; Lt. Brechbuehler; Lt. Paul; Capt. Elsingher; Lt. McCrory - J. Kind - Security Director; and Mr. D. Nadtke - Warden

What are the details surrounding complaint?

On the above date and time, I observed CO-Pauze at the officer's workstation tables folding inmate laundry. While doing so, she reached to her left and obtained an embossed (USPS) inmate mail envelope and ripped the end open. She then grazed her eyes upward and towards the officer control bubble to see if anyone was watching her. She then proceeded to wad the envelope up and tossed in garbage. She then unfolded the letter; looked it over and waded it up and also threw in garbage. I reported this to Sgt. Coumo, he stated he did not see anything. I then stood at my door until I was able to report this to Lt. Brechbuehler who did find the 2 items in the garbage and later advised me that I was right & appreciated me informing him of the situation. The security camera in the corner would reflect the actions of CO-Pauze as evidence.

Phil Keller

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Ms. Peggy Swan,

9/5/20

Greetings! I hope all is well your way.

I wanted to give you another update. I have not completed all the work previously mentioned.

I have been harassed & retaliated by certain staff - which is a long story. I was brought back to solitary confinement due that officials refused to do their jobs. Placing me in seg not only confirmed they refuse to give us our "phone calls", but also confirmed the "Misconduct of NEW-HIRE Officials (& others) opening and discarding our personal mail in the garbage.

Yes, I'm back in seg with a per-don't ask (KOL), but I find truth in everything happening in 3's. At least it did on the ~~20~~ 27th when they brought me back to seg. First, the staff refused to pass supplies (assistance forms & etc.) as I had wrote a rough draft for IMMEDIATE DANGER due to COVID-19 concerns - so I have yet to get it completed or submitted as they have not brought my "property" to seg yet. (That is going to be my grievance for my \$1983 against ~~the~~ the AOC, and Gov. Evers.)

The second issue was refusing to pass the phone. But when they brought me to seg that night I was standing at my cell door and eye witnessed the guard rip open and throw someone's mail in the garbage. (I'm enclosing copies for your use & review.) However, I would like to ask if you could possibly post it on media. I'm not done with these people.

I've also received a copy of the CDC Guidelines which will aid in preparation of my \$1983. There is so much that they ARE NOT following/doing.

Moreover, on the COVID-19 forefront, I am doing okay, just frustrated & continuing my fight. I'm not sure if I gave you an update on the

nities - vulnerable - covid-19

(These stories have been shared w/ Gov. Evers & DOC.)

2.) The lawsuit filed (denied) can be found:

<https://www.aclu-wi.org/en/news/aclu-wisconsin-files-lawsuit-seeking-release-vulnerable-people-amid-covid-19>; and

<https://www.aclu-wi.org/en/news/aclu-wisconsin-comment-supreme-court-denial-petition>

3.) Share your story w/ Gov. Evers here:

<https://appengine.egov.com/apps/wi/governor/voice-an-opinion>

4.) Show Police, Courts, District Attorney's you care - share ACLU's letter with them - download here:

<https://www.aclu-wi.org/en/news/aclu-wisconsin-demands-release-prisons-and-jails-communities-vulnerable-covid-19>

5.) Sign ~~the~~ Petition to end crimeless or technical revocations:

~~https://www.aclu-wi.org/petition/wi-crimeless-revocation~~

<https://action.aclu.org/petition/wi-crimeless-revocation>

6.) Call legislators ask questions how prisons/jails are keeping people safe in their care

<https://legis.wisconsin.gov/>

7.) Social Media - ACLU of Wis. Facebook page on weekly townhalls:

<https://www.facebook.com/ACLUofWI>

Enjoy!