

PRISON Life

By Ken Sherman

Well first off The Prison System Has Changed from early 2000's. Now Half of guys coming in are for Drug offenses, and need Treatment, NOT Incarceration.

Now I just got transferred back from Milwaukee Secure Detention facility because Dodge intake was overcrowded. Well while at Milwaukee Secure, I've watched/seen Guards have Racial Discrimination against Whites, Punishments, Job Placement all favored toward Black inmates.

I lost a good friend at Milwaukee Secure, he hung himself and was left uncovered for 3½ HRS. Guards Joking and Stepping over him. Then we were told next day NOT to discuss issue with others.

Now I'm back here at Dodge Corr. and the overcrowding is still bad, BUT NO DOC official will acknowledge that. I've had to use COURT system to finally get Classified, because ~~and~~ I've been in A&E Assessment and Evaluation for 7½ months when Administrative Code specifies normally 8 weeks.

Now the Medical Care is good, depending on the Doctor. I've had Doctors go out of their way to address my medical concerns and then other times Doctors using Policies instead of Medical Judgment.

Now doing "Time" is all about Punishment, rather than Treatment. I had been incarcerated 50 other times and only got Treatment ONCE. This time I specified I am not a User, my Decisions are Wrong, BUT I either take the Substance Abuse Program or get sent to a house and more Restrictive Prison. Why because of the money the Wisconsin DOC receives for me entering Program. So instead of putting a User and an inmate that need Drug Abuse Treatment, I'm taking that Bed.

Where's the logic in all this when there is a Drug Problem and everyone is turning a blind eye to Treatment instead of Incarceration. The Economic Benefits of Treatment outweighs the Policy of incarcerating Drug users. The Public Needs to look and Inquire where their Taxpayer Dollars are going.

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