

1 MY legal name is Robert West and
2 I'm an inmate in the United States of America
3 and of the State of Illinois and presently
4 I am incarcerated in the Illinois Department
5 of Corrections ("IDOC") under their alphabeti-
6 cal numerical identification system as B-03903.

7 I was sentenced to an aggregate 60 Years
8 @ 50% for Armed Robberies and I have been
9 in continuous incarceration since August 19, 1991,
10 and there was no violence in those cases or
11 my background.

12 I subsist within a culture of abuse and
13 intimidation perpetrated by corrections employees
14 against noncombatant inmates, and the more
15 they abuse us, the more we become lickspittle
16 and ingratiating towards them.

17 As a person held in imprisonment now near-
18 ing a quarter of a century, the reason for my
19 writing this missive is to reveal facts, with
20 aim to mention the injuries and ruins to peo-
21 ple caused by the macrocosmic indifferences of
22 society, as transferred into the microcosmic
23 penal culture of corrections.

24 "The degree of civilization in a society
25 can be judged by entering the prisons." (Fyodor
26 Dostoyevsky).

27 From my conversations with fellow inmates,

28 and also of MY own personal experiences, during
29 the entire period of imprisonment, IDOC inmates
30 has been and is presently subjected to a con-
31 tinuing course of arbitrary or oppressive treat-
32 ment, as the result of mismanagement on the
33 part of State prison Managers that is so gross,
34 it must be considered to be willful.

35 The unwritten policy and practice of the
36 daily maltreatment of Illinois inmates stems from
37 the infamous "Richard Speck Tapes," aired in the
38 Year of 1996, by CBS television station and
39 Chicago's Channel 2 news reporter, Bill Curtis, who
40 exposed the irrefutable reality of an IDOC
41 penitentiary, where prison Managers at Stateville
42 Correctional Center were caught compromising con-
43 trol of the inmates by allowing for an environ-
44 ment for homosexuality, and a place for illicit
45 drug parties, where male adult inmates filmed
46 themselves creating gay porn and apparently
47 snorting narcotics while housed inside of a
48 maximum security prison.

49 Corrections employees are given enormous power,
50 and often they're so myopic with that power, to
51 they have lost ability to see that many of them
52 has no idea of what to do with it, other than
53 to use their authority arbitrarily or as an in-
54 strument of oppression. They are legalized

55 bullies who expects for inmates to respect
56 the so-called peace officers badges when they
57 themselves won't respect it. Nefarious faust-
58 ians whom serves no penological purposes other
59 than to further psychologically damage people by:
60 a) instilling within pusillanimous inmates pro-
61 found pessimism and deeper despondency to
62 discourage protest; b) manufacturing bitter
63 sociopaths consumed by irreparable animosities;
64 c) metamorphosing even themselves into narciss-
65 ism and diabolical sadists; and, d) et cetera,
66 etc.

67 While doing time inmates perfect their
68 predictions of officers behavior. They tell
69 only what is acceptable and they conceal their
70 true beliefs, impressions and ideas behind
71 masks. It is better in a survival sense, to
72 tell officers what they want to hear and con-
73 tinue to go unharmed than to tell unpleasant
74 facts and be falsely accused of misconduct or
75 held by mechanical restraints, beaten, tranquilized
76 by psychotropic drugs, placed in 24-hour days
77 confinement, or lose good time credits.

78 Just illustrating one example, IDOC Rule,
79 § 504A, Offense 304 Insolence, it's defined, in
80 part, in quote, as "talking, ... gesturing, or
81 other behavior that..., annoys, ... [a corrections

employee].” End quote. Maximum penalties are one Month segregation and one Month good time revocation.

Solely speaking for MYself, I was psychologically raped on May 3, 2014, by the IDOC' Special Operations Response Team (“SORT”) tactical unit officers with impunity from prison officials, who gave strangers voyeuristic viewing of parts to MY body that I MYself can't see — (i.e. anal sphincter).

In addition to that, I'm also emotionally damaged as a result of MY having been emasculated by SORT officers.

Moreover, responsible for MY mental decomposition is the fact that state legislators gave to the IDOC the army, the armory, and carte blanche authority, cause there's no statutory sanction to be levied against the IDOC for the unnecessarily and wantonly manhandling of inmates for the malicious purpose of inflicting gratuitous fear. 730 ILCS 5/1-1-2(c) (West's 2014).

By authority of Illinois Administrative Code § 501.220 b) at all times, corrections officers has unlimited and unwelcomed access to inmates bodies. And, by sword of Damocles an adult male inmate can be ordered

109 to disrobe unto Nitty-gritty nakedness, and under
110 duress must capitulate to orifice inspection, to
111 include being compelled to show his anal sphinc-
112 ter to the officer.

113 ON May 3, 2014, an IDOC unprovoked lock-
114 down operation had been in effect. While I
115 was in MY assigned cell obeying the IDOC rules,
116 an army of SORT tactical officers stormed the
117 housing unit and an officer, in full riot gear
118 and having a bellicose disposition, ordered me to
119 disrobe. The compulsory nudity was exercised
120 in the manner of a strip show Willy-nilly.

121 BY sword of Damocles, the officer forced
122 me to open MY mouth and stick out MY tongue, raise
123 MY top lip and lower MY bottom lip, comb through
124 MY hair with MY fingers, turn MY head right-to-
125 left for him to look into MY ears cavity, raise
126 MY right & left foot and wiggle toes, lift MY
127 scrotum, hold MY penis by the shaft and peel
128 back the foreskin, turn around 180° with MY
129 bare buttock facing him and bend forward at the
130 waist without bending the knees, grab MY rec-
131 tum with MY hands, separate MY butt-cheeks
132 and hold it in that wideopen posture until he
133 gave permission for me to release the grip.

134 The officer then gave to me to wear ONLY
135 an undershort, pant, shirt, socks and boots,

and thereafter I was handcuffed and compelled to stand soundless and motionless with MY nose and eyebrows pressed to the wall's paint as officers stood behind MY back fidgeting with billyclub sticks. As inmates had turned in a cursory look behind them at the SORT's uncalled-for activities, they were yelled a forceful warning to face the wall and not again move!
720 ILCS 5/12-1.

After standing still for many minutes as a sphinx and thereafter the degradation meted finally appeased the officers' fancies, I then was ordered to walk in tandem step, in temperature below 60°, between two rows of officers down a long and narrow corridor connected to the dining room.

When I entered into the dining area I was held there for several hours in handcuff and the absence of heat or warmth. An elderly and infirmed inmate, to wit: Albert Sullivan, asked for his coat or a blanket to cover the loss of his body heat and the officers denied his request via their mockeries.

Upon MY return to the cell it was clearly obvious MY clothing, books, papers, and purchased commissary items were strewn all over the place as though the officer had tossed

163 and Frisbee - Flinged MY personal property
164 everywhere.

165 Mental cruelty is defined under Illinois
166 law as — "a course of unprovoked offen-
167 sive conduct toward [a person] which causes
168 embarrassment, humiliation and anguish so as
169 to render the [person's] life miserable and UN-
170 endurable, and which actually affects the
171 [person's] physical or mental health." Christian
172 v. Christian, 26 Ill. Dec. 326, 387 N.E.2d
173 1254 at 1257.

174 I was in such a distress by staff
175 conduct to a degree I couldn't even recognize
176 whether or not the SORT officer had a name
177 tag identification visible. In addition to that,
178 the officer's name wasn't legible on the copy
179 of the shakedown record gave to me.

180 Furthermore, the grisly stripping exhibition
181 and supererogatory abuses described, exasperated
182 MY DYsthyMic Disorder and the images has con-
183 tinued to plague me with intermittent depressions
184 during MY CONFINEMENT in the IDOC.

185 An IDOC Offender's Grievance report was
186 filed June 21, 2014, titled: "staff conduct." I
187 had asked therein the complaint for IDOC staff
188 members to "cease oppressive treatment of in-
189 mates and desist from tampering with the

emotions of voiceless, helpless, powerless, and defenseless human beings." The grievance was exhausted at the local level on June 23, 2014. I appealed to the IDOC Director in July of 2014. It was denied by the IDOC Administrative Review Board cause their office determined that there were "no violation of [Departmental Rules] 120 or 501c." And, on January 7, 2015, the Director concurred with the Board.

The Federal court have ruled that the constitution provides no protection to inmates falsely accused of misconduct. The court held it doesn't violate the 8th Amendment's ban on cruel and unusual punishment to punish inmates for absolutely "no reason at all." Leslie v. Doyle, 896 F.Supp. 771 at 774 (N.D. Ill. 1995).

The SORT officers at other IDOC prisons were more egregious. At other correctional centers the officers grabbed the back of each inmate's head and slammed it violently into the back of the inmate ahead of him in line. The officers ordered the inmates to stand in such a way that one man's genitals were in direct contact with the buttocks of the man ahead of him in line — referred to by the SORT officers as "Nuts to Butts."

1 The officers forced the inmate to
2 straighten his leg while keeping his back bent
3 over at a 90-degree angle onto the inmate in
4 front of him. This ~~hand~~ the effect of forcing
5 the men to place their genitals directly against
6 the buttocks of the men in front of them. The
7 officers then ordered the inmates to march in
8 that formation. Every time that an inmate's
9 head came off of the back of the inmate in
10 front of him, the SORT officers responded with
11 violence.

12 Although I'm upset about procrustean officers
13 ogling MY private orifice, I now feel luckier to
14 have been abused at Dixon prison than to been
15 at other IDOC prisons having had a possibly UN-
16 washed penis touching one's posterior. To
17 verify the accuracy of the claims herein, see
18 the civil case # 3:15-cv-00309 of Demetrius
19 Ross v. Greg Gasset, et al. filed March 19, 2015,
20 in the Southern District of Illinois, East St.
21 Louis Division.

22 As British historian, Lord Acton came to
23 see — "power corrupts, and absolute power,
24 corrupts absolutely."

25 Please know that I would be glad to send
26 to anyone anything of relevance, because I have
27 documentary proof of the asserted "facts."

28 "The Dixon Facility provides all inmates
29 with access to photocopying services at a cost
30 of \$.10 per copy." Accord. June 4, 2015,
31 Dix. C.C., Gen. Pop., Orientation Manual page 77.

32 On September 26, 1991, in case number
33 91-CR-20440, Cook County Circuit Court of
34 Illinois — Criminal Division, Judge Thomas A.
35 Hett determined I was an indigent. The IDOC
36 allot nine dollars and sixty cents (\$9.60¢)
37 monthly stipend to each inmate for the purpose
38 for indigent inmates to buy hygiene products. But,
39 deductions are taken out of it for every day
40 the prison was on a lockdown status or for the
41 duration of an inmate's time of confinement in
42 the disciplinary segregation unit. Plus, deductions
43 are made for all legal photocopies and postage
44 costs.

45 I've done an introspection and have under-
46 gone an exorcism. I am the beneficiary of a
47 soteriological experience and I now eschew all
48 wrong doing prohibited by the KJV-bible. Further-
49 more, I also have observed a number of inmates
50 whom by divine providence have reformed them-
51 selves, and became a decent human being advo-
52 cating for what's right, and they are gentlemen.
53 U.S. v. Virginia, 518 US 515, at 602-603
54 (1996). We welcome all prayers and support.

55 "ANY man can triumph under adversity but,
56 if You want to test his true character, then
57 give to him power." (Abraham Lincoln).

58 If anyone find the merits of MY claims
59 worthy of their response, MY address is:

60 Dixon Correctional Center

61 2600 N. Brinton Avenue

62 Dixon, Illinois 61021

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64 Thank You For Your time and attention.
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