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66 Days Later

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The date is August 10th, 2016, 66 days after the incident on Memorial Day Weekend, Sunday, June 5th. I've chronicled various times after the incident in which I accused Officer D. Huffstuttler of discriminating against black inmates. I voiced my concern and contempt of the situation that very night, to see if the prison would fairly and honestly address this issue.

And it is of great importance that they do, because it shows me that the people who work here have integrity. If discrimination is a REAL issue, then by every standard, this prison has to make itself accountable to their own employees. If not, they cannot expect sincere respect by inmates to officers if they are hypocrites.

So, having last logged in on this situation on Day 27, has anything changed? I've learned a bit more about Officer Huffstuttler- but everything I've heard (by inmates AND staff) clearly support my accusation. To a man, every one who talked about Huffstuttler questioned her professionalism. There are even staff and officers that has had issues with her.

So, if this is the case, why does she still have



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position over inmates? Her interaction with inmates will, and has, sparked and provoked issues, but she can hide behind the cover of BOP (Bureau of Prisons) because sadly, BOP will support bad behavior by officers and staff, but not by inmates.

And this goes further. The Recreation Department has apparently become apathetic to the inmate side, in support of Huffstuttler. I find now that while my argument was originally against Huffstuttler, it has now evolved to more than that. It now involves the Recreation Department, and even some staff in Education. To this date, I still have not gone to the Recreation Department, in silent protest of how Recreation has handled the situation. I have even declined to participate with the Diversity Inclusion Committee because their Jeopardy Tournament is held in Recreation. Guys say to me, "But she (Huffstuttler) won't be working there". My response, "But the department supports her actions, so they're just as much at fault".

I was asked to co-host the Inclusion Diversity Day Ceremony, since many attended the Black History Month Main Event, where I was the host. They told me the event would be in the Chapel; no problem.

But when I wrote my previous entry, based on "27 Days Later", an officer, Ms. Escobar, got nosy, and took my writings to Recreation. She had no business interfering, and taking sides with Huffstuttler, to which drew my wrath against



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Escobar, writing about her involvement as well. But in her unprofessional decision, she showed Huffstuttler my essay. I'm sure they have a copy, and Recreation as well. If so, it's easy to deduce that they're aware of what I'm writing.

Which leads to today, August 10th, 2016, when this morning, I was apologetically told by one of the members of the Inclusion Diversity Committee that Recreation Department has virtually black-balled me from co-hosting the ceremony.

So... retaliation has finally bloomed.

Nowhere in the process of my questioning did this prison assure me, at any point, that IF I was right, then it would be properly addressed. There certainly was intention to put me in the SHU (Special Housing Unit) if I was wrong; that is very clear. But what if I'm right? If I'm right about my accusation, that Officer Huffstuttler has practiced discrimination acts on inmates, and the Department has been FAR too slow to address the situation, why aren't they doing something? Are officers in BOP not subject to the laws concerning fair and equal treatment of people? Are they free to ignore human rights, and support employees who treat people of different skin color less than others?

It creates a dark hypocrisy about "Diversity Day". I now find it a humorless joke, a strong sarcasm, where inmates are trying to show that regardless of color, we can all respect one another- yet behind the veil is a department that



seems to ignore the glaring signs and actions of discrimination.

66 days later, it appears the results of my initial concern has been retaliation and apathy to equality.

Sadly... this was expected, though I wished I was wrong...

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