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The Follow-Up Continues...

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It is June 5th, 2016. It was exactly a week ago, May 29th, on a Sunday, when I first shot an e-mail to Recreational Supervisor Gillooly about how Officer D. Huffstuttler treated me, and several other inmates, regarding getting popcorn during the Memorial Day Bingo night. I worked as the announcer, and felt that Huffstuttler, at the very least, was very disrespectful to some of the inmates, and at worst, showed racist attitudes in that she allowed only white inmates in the same room to get their belongings- but refused the black inmates the same courtesy- which included me.

For such a reason, I quit that very night and wrote an e-mail to the Recreation Supervisor, expressing my disappointment of what happened, and to challenge this prison to see if they'll really investigate- or cover up.

I met with Gillooly Tuesday, and we talked- yet to be honest, I don't think he was looking for resolution. If I am RIGHT, then some action ought to be taken against Huffstuttler... if I am WRONG, the prison will be swift in punishing me. I have absolute confidence in the latter, and little in the former.



So, after 7 days, where do we stand? Has any progress been made?

No one has talked to me about this situation. The AW (Assistant Warden) was supposed to talk to me Tuesday at lunch, but he wasn't there. I'd imagine SIS (Special Investigation Services) would want to talk to me...but to this point, has not.

So, nothing has happened (to my knowledge) to this point. For the time being I have "banned" myself from Recreation for awhile; I will not go there for ANY reason. This is to keep me out of any line of fire, and to express my protest against how Recreation is handling this situation.

Since this incident, I've heard 100% support from inmates; nobody likes Huffstuttler, yet she still works there, almost untouched. If she is guilty of my accusations... if I am RIGHT, then this prison, as a Federal Institution, must do something about it. Yet, I believe they won't- they'll try to cover it up, suppress my writings, and let her escape. But if I'm WRONG, they'll slam me in the SHU for at least 30 days. I've no doubt about that.

So, where's the ball? Who's turn to serve- or volley? Do I wait for their move...or will there BE a move? If no one has contacted me in a week, I have to imagine that perhaps they're hoping it will go away, or they're looking for holes in my accusation. I think they're trying so hard to look for



excuses that they're ignorant of the problem.

It's almost like I saw today, while watching "Jaws 2" on AMC. The Police Chief was convinced that the picture taken was of a shark, and rushed to the people at City Hall to warn them. But even as they all looked at the same picture, they saw only what they wanted to see- and none of them saw the shark, although it clearly was there. They chose to ignore the obvious, and refused to act for the greater good. I might imagine the same applies here.

I've written an e-mail to the Recreation Supervisor, an e-mail to the Warden, documented it on my journal, and wrote 2 essays on this subject, to send to blogs. I've sent about 5 letters so far. If I wait, I may not do anything. Sometimes, you have to "hit the send button", because it's the only way you can make things happen.

What it comes down to is this: Will the prison take my accusation seriously? If it was severe enough to put me in the SHU if I am wrong, what ought to happen if I'm right? The prison leaves no venues if I am right. To me, they're doing damage control, to save their own. But, if I'm right, aren't they promoting racism? If Huffstuttler IS doing this...and I've heard other inmates say the same, then what is USP Tucson REALLY doing? Protecting racist behavior? If there is no punishment for her behavior, then one has to assume that it is tolerated by the prison.



Do I trust the prison to do the right thing? Honestly, no, I don't. I have very little confidence that this prison, from the Warden down to the officers, will HONESTLY and SINCERELY take this matter seriously enough to look at it objectively. I expect them to investigate on how to dispel my accusation, rather than consider that maybe I have merit.

For this reason, I will not hesitate to write what I know. If I wait a month, they'll do nothing. Then I cannot strike while the iron is hot. This is a serious issue, and it needs to be resolved- not covered.

So perhaps I DO need to write the OIG, an anonymous e-mail detailing what happened, and what I believe will be the result. It could be that they ARE investigating- but I don't know that. All I know- to this date, is that I have heard no response from anyone, one way or the other.

So, I have to assume that they won't...or if they do, it will favor Huffstuttler, and all that will do is make me upset. So I will write, and mail as soon as I can; I won't give them the time to load up; it could be that they're doing it now, as I speak. For all I know (and I hope I'm wrong), they could put me in the SHU "pending investigation", which is nothing more than disarming me from writing and retaliation from speaking against the officers here.

But... what if I'm RIGHT? Why won't the prison DO something about it?



Because they don't care about us. And this is why I have to keep writing.

PS: I send so many essays out, I forget who got what. This essay is actually like a "Part 3". This is the follow-up to the follow-up of my original essay on the subject. I'm trying to chronicle this, to see if anything happens, or if it will run dry. To this date, June 9th, there's still been no change. It is now my belief that the prison is hoping this serious issue will dry up, so they don't have to do anything about it. Perhaps more soon.

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