

TO: AMERICAN PRISON WRITING ARCHIVE (APWA)

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ESSAY ON THE FLORIDA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS
(FDC) PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF TAKING RETALIATORY
ACTION AGAINST STAFF AND INMATES WHO SPEAK-
OUT AGAINST THE CORRUPTION AND ETC. IN FDC,

I WAS INCARCERATED IN FDC FROM JUNE 2000
TILL MARCH 17, 2017. ON MARCH 17, 2017 I WAS
INVOLUNTARILY INTRASTATE COMPACTED TO THE
TENNESSEE DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS (TDOC).
DURING MY YEARS INCARCERATED IN FDC, I'VE
FILED 5 42 USC §1983 CIVIL RIGHTS COMPLAINTS
ON DOZENS OF FDC PRISON STAFF, COMMUNICATED
WITH THE MEDIA FOR SEVERAL YEARS CONCERNING
THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS OF FDC, MAILED
APPROXIMATELY A DOZEN SWORN COMPLAINTS TO
THE DOJ REQUESTING CIVIL RIGHTS OF
INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSONS ACT (C.R.I.P.A)
INVESTIGATIONS, AND ETC.. AS A RESULT OF MY
ACTIVISM AGAINST FDC, I'VE HAD A RIB BROKE,
MY WRIST BROKE, I'VE BEEN SET UP WITH FALSE
DISCIPLINARY REPORTS, I'VE BEEN ON DIESEL

THERAPY 3 TIMES, I'VE HAD MY PROPERTY AND MAIL
THROWN AWAY, I'VE BEEN DENIED MEDICAL CARE, I'VE
BEEN PLACED IN CONFINEMENT FOR FALSE REASONS,
I'VE HAD CONTRACTS PLACED ON ME, I'VE BEEN
THREATENED WITH ABUSE MORE TIMES THAN I CAN
COUNT, I'VE BEEN PHYSICALLY BATTERED, I'VE BEEN
TRANSFERRED TO ANOTHER STATE, AND ETC. YOU CAN
READ A LOT ABOUT THE RETALIATION I'VE BEEN
SUBJECTED TO AND ABOUT A LOT OF THE PRISON
MATTERS I'VE SPOKEN OUT ABOUT BY GOBBLING MY
"HAROLD HEMPSTEAD" AND A NICKNAME OF MINE "CAGED
CRUSADER".

IN 2014, THE MIAMI HERALD NEWSPAPER STARTED
WRITING ARTICLES ON FDC. IF YOU GO ON THEIR
INTERNET SITE AND GO TO THE SECTION THEY
HAVE ENTITLED "CRUEL AND UNUSUAL", YOU CAN
READ THE APPROXIMATELY 150 NEWS ARTICLES
THEY'VE PUBLISHED ON FDC SINCE MAY 18, 2014.
YOU CAN ALSO TELEPHONE THE MIAMI HERALD AND
THEY'LL TELL YOU HOW TO LOCATE THEIR
SECTION CALLED "CRUEL AND UNUSUAL" ON
THEIR INTERNET SITE. IF YOU READ ALL OF THE
ARTICLES THE MIAMI HERALD HAVE PUBLISHED ON FDC
YOU'LL SEE FDC STAFF STATEWIDE ENGAGE IN A

PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF TAKING RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST STAFF AND INMATES WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS AND CORRUPTION IN FDC.

WE HAVE CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS UNDER THE FIRST AMENDMENT OF THE U.S. CONSTITUTION TO FREEDOM OF SPEECH, ADDRESS OF GRIEVANCES, AND ACCESS TO THE COURTS. WHEN FDC STAFF SUBJECT US TO RETALIATION FOR ASSERTING THESE RIGHTS IT VIOLATES OUR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS, AND 18 USC § 242.

ALL FDC STAFF HAVE TO DO TO STOP THIS PATTERN AND PRACTICE IS STOP ENGAGING IN CORRUPTION, AND CORRECT THE UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS THAT CONTINUE TO BE CHALLENGED, OR STOP ENGAGING IN RETALIATORY ACTS AGAINST THOSE WHO ASSERT THEIR FIRST AMENDMENT RIGHTS.

IN THIS ESSAY I'VE USED THE WORDS "PATTERN AND PRACTICE" BECAUSE THAT IS WHAT IS HAPPENING IN FDC AS IT CONCERN'S THE ABOVE. 42 USC § 1997A GIVES THE US DEPARTMENT OF JUSTICE AUTHORITY

TO INVESTIGATE THE PATTERN AND PRACTICE OF FDC STAFF
TAKING RETALIATORY ACTION AGAINST FDC STAFF AND
INMATES WHO SPEAK OUT AGAINST THE CORRUPTION
AND UNCONSTITUTIONAL CONDITIONS OF FDC.

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