

"IN SOLIDARITY FROM SOLITARY"

AS THE NATIONAL PRISONER STRIKE LEADING UP TO SEPT. 9th CONTINUES TO GAIN MOMENTUM, I FIND MYSELF IN SUPER-SOLITARY CONFINEMENT HUMBLY ROOTING FOR THE PROGRESS BEING MADE. I MEAN ITS ALL OVER THE NEWS THESE DAYS! YOU SEE I AM CURRENTLY SERVING AN #18 MONTH PUNISHMENT IN SOLITARY FOR ALLEGEDLY ATTEMPTING TO INCITE A RIOT AFTER SPEAKING OUT AND ABOUT THE INHUMANE TREATMENT OF INMATES. DESPITE CALLING FOR NON-VIOLENT SIT DOWNS THAT NEVER OCCURRED I WAS FOUND GUILTY FOR SAYING SOMETHING VERSES DOING IT. I AM IN THE PROCESS OF EXHAUSTING ALL ADMINISTRATIVE REMEDIES AS WE SPEAK. NEEDLESS TO SAY, NOT ONLY HAS MY CUSTODY WENT FROM MEN-TO-MAX, BUT I WENT FROM A WORK CAMP TO BEING HOUSED ALONG SIDE OF DEATH ROW INMATES, LOCKED DOWN FOR THE NEXT 1 1/2 YEARS - 23 HOURS A DAY. IVE BEEN SUBJECTED TO A CELL WITH NO RUNNING HOT WATER AND A BROKEN LIGHT THAT BRIGHTLY BLINKS OFF AND ON ALL NIGHT DISRUPTING MY SLEEP GREATLY. EVERYTIME I STEP OUT OF THE CELL FOR MEDICAL, OR EVEN A FEW FEET TO THE SHOWER (*3X A WEEK*), I HAVE TO STRIP DOWN TO MY BIRTHDAY SUIT AND EXPOSE EACH ORIFICE FOR CONTRABAND. CELL SEARCHES TO HARASS US UNDER THE GUISE OF SECURITY IS THE NORM AND SOMETIMES SOON AFTER, A SURPRISE INSPECTION

IS CALLED... WHICH MEANS IF YOUR
CELL IS UNTIDY (* THANKS TO THE SEARCH*),
YOU COULD GO ON "STRIP" FOR 72 HOURS
(* ALL PROPERTY (LINEN AND CLOTHES IS
REMOVED EXCEPT YOUR BOXERS*) OR BE
SUSPECTED TO DISCIPLINARY ACTION RE-
SULTING IN A LONGER STAY IN SOLITARY.
AS YOU SEE, THE ODDS ARE STACKED AB-
AINST US AND THIS WHOLE THING IS DE-
SIGNER TO BREAK YOU. GUARDS WANT YOU
TO GET MAD AND ACT ABRESSIVE SO THEY
CAN JUSTIFY THE USE OF FORCE. COOLER
HEADS PREVAIL THOUGH, FOR THE PEN IS
MIGHTIER THAN THE SWORD! I HAVE
NUMEROUS GRIEVANCES IN THE WORKS
ADDRESSING THE ISSUES MENTIONED AND
IM STILL WRITING AND NETWORKING
WITH LIKE-MINDED PEOPLE AND ORGANE-
ZATIONS FOR SUPPORT AND DIRECTION.
AFTER ALL, IN SOLIDARITY SHALL WE
WORK TOWARDS JUSTICE! AS I LAY IN
THIS SOLITARY CELL FIGHTING FOR
RADIO RECEPTION, WHEN I FINALLY DO
HEAR CONVERSATIONS ABOUT PRISON RE-
FORM STRATEGIES AND THE SLAVERY
CLAUSE CONCERNING THE 13th AMENDMENT,
TO NAME A FEW. I FIND MYSELF EN-
COURAGED BY THE MOVEMENT AND VERY
GRATEFUL FOR "ALL" THE PEOPLE TAKING
ON THE PRISON INDUSTRIAL COMPLEX
AS A WHOLE. TO ME, ITS WORTH EVERY-
DAY BACK HERE ON THE SLABS FOR
STRUGGLE CREATES STRENGTH INDEED!
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