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It was a cold and snowy Thanksgiving Day when Captain Thomas decided she had a little business to attend on the West Yards. Scheduled to work Sterling's East Side for the holiday – a post forever vigilant, as are many within the wire – I would think she wasn't in the best of moods. Stuck filling the chair of someone who was home enjoying whatever there was for them to enjoy this season. But, even though the East Yards offer their own day-to-day challenges, it might not of been too demanding of our captain; being minimum security and all. Maybe she missed the different energy of the medium and closed security prisoners on this West Side? This side where there have been numerous staff assaults; some as simple as spitting in their face, others as serious as stabbings, cuttings, hospitalization and surgery.

I first met Captain Thomas on 24 October, 2019, when she responded to a letter I sent administration, three days prior, concerning an add-on submitted to an already existent proposal for normalization. As resident representative of the Prison Writers Support Organization (now a nonprofit charity, taking the title of PWSO Inc) and in the name of this PWSO, I attached this add-on to that proposal back on 09 August, 2019. In this attachment (a proposal of our own) the PWSO asked that C-DOC recognize certain mediums – including but not limited to writing, art, crochet, etc – as actual means of legitimate revenue capable of building future careers, and that the C-DOC aid those of us who are serious to gain success in these. We believe that through the unlimited