Atrocities in the El Dorado Correctional Facility

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In the light of the tragic death of George Floyd, some things have opened my eyes. The way those officers restrained him is a less violent way the COs restrain us. When we’re restrained, they have about six COs hold us with the full weight of one on our necks after using pepper spray. They use divide and conquer military tactics to keep us constantly at each other’s throats. We only get paid a total of $29.40 a month and it hasn’t increased in 30 years. The only way to get more money for canteen is a kitchen job or the exclusive minimum wage job. They see any pictures that don’t have a fully clothed woman, we get in trouble for sexually explicit material. If we speak our minds we’re in trouble for so many things. Mind, not all the COs treat us so badly, but they don’t last long because jealous inmates or COs start rumors and they either quit or get fired. The beds we sleep on start off comfortable when brand new but after one or two months we end up
sleeping on a ½ or 2 inches, on top of concrete or steel. The taxes on canteen constantly increase yet refuse to increase state earnings and that's if our banking system hasn't given our information to the collection agencies. I appreciate the chance to get some of this out so the public see what we deal with on a daily basis. Thank you.