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Unfortunately I live in a warehouse designed for about 700 people. There are almost 1200 people here with me. We do not all get along due to the massive cultural gaps. There is no real reason to get along with each other. Whether you are a well behaved prisoner or a raving and violent prisoner you will be treated the same, live in the same housing units, have access to all the same "privileges".

The only correcting the New Hampshire Department of Corrections has done for me is to correct my faulty idea that good behavior get reward and bad behavior gets punishment.

There are so many examples of this I am almost at a loss to pick one. There is one time though that sticks out for its brutality. It is this story that I hope will impress upon you the nature of my environment. I won't use real names because that would be improper but the events will be described exactly as I saw them.

One day around 1:30 pm I and my friend heard a commotion out on the block's dayroom. We stepped out of the



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8 man cell we were in and took a guard. There was this big notoriously obnoxious loud mouth running around living up to his reputation.

He was clearly drunk (again) and shouting about 'Skinners'. (Skinners are sex offenders) He walked into the bathroom/shower area and got into a frail and harmless sex offenders face. I was friendly with "Tom". He was not a bad guy, quiet, respectfully did his own time. Yes he was a sex offender but there are far worse types of people than sex offenders.

So big mouth starts screaming like only drunk idiots can do. Tom tried to just avoid the situation by getting past the drunk. Unfortunately for Tom the other guy hooked off on him and Tom fell back into the sink and onto the floor.

So the big mean drunk started to kick Tom in the face all the while telling, screaming really, how skimmers needed to get killed. Some of us intervened because he was killing Tom. He just keep smashing his foot into Tom's head over and over.

After this guy was pulled off Tom he walked into a cell and started beating an old man who was laying down in bed. That



poor guy got his eye and cheek bones broken. The whole time he's yelling about how bad skinners are and he was gonna get all the skinners. That assault was broken up and the loud mouth was led downstairs to the tables. People were trying to calm him down.

Some of us helped Tom to his cell. His jaw was shattered and his teeth had been kicked out. He swalled two of them. He was messed up pretty bad. We got ice and towels. I told him he needed to go to medical. He did not want to because he didnt want to "Rat" any one out.

Keep in mind that our cell block has a 40' wide 30' tall glass wall. The guards and camera face in so they can see the entire block. They allowed this to happen. They never came in to stop the assaults nor did they ask any of us anything after they found out about it. They did not care at all.

Big mouth did go to the hole for a short time but he was buck out in no time and got placed in a higher privilege unit!! He was not charged (or even investigated for) with an hate crime despite the fact that he perpetrated two less than 75 feet from a camera and guard booth.



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Big mouth is doing fine by the way. He's right back in the kitchen. Of course Tom still has trouble chewing a year later. Nor was he given dentures to replace the teeth that were smashed out of his mouth.

I hate to seem biased but it was disturbing to see what I saw. It's disturbing to know that no one cares. I'm not even certain that you do. I wonder at what point prisoners stopped being people.

Well that's the American Prison system.

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