

APWA,

Being in prison for about 6 years (I think) I find myself gaining new things and losing others. For one I have gained faith but lost my family. I have lost time and life but gained structure. The environment I currently live, really is a pain. The officers yell at you and call us white trash but I grew up in a rich home. There is no respect only white and blue. White for inmates and blue for correctional officers.

No matter how much you want to change and stay out of the way the more you find the officers beating you down calling you names or other inmates putting us in 3 groups whites, Blacks and Mexicans. Here racism flourishes and if you are not in a gang like me you have no voice and if you do speak sometimes you will get jumped.

When officers say how bad we are they forget they are just like us and sometimes worse. During the Covid-19 season there has been no face to face visits so drugs and such were impossible to get, at least I thought so. Many officers sometimes as high as the wardens themselves make a quick buck by letting and bringing in cell phones, drugs and such protecting each other sometimes until caught by some who don't do these things. Yet we get blamed but the root of the problem is them. I believe 3 people died of drug overdose here in the last year. A new administration has taken over but still seems to be a problem especially with K2 and Meth. When does it end even when officers beat inmates or mace them when not threatened they lie and have other officers, who are friends with them, lie also to back it up. On the front of the security desk it says "We protect our own" does this mean even to cover up their crimes. When we get assaulted we lose even more.

I had a Major Case for assaulting an officer. The ~~write~~ write up said that this officer stuck her hand in my cell but it didn't result in any injuries. I was maced and locked up. When I went before JCE (Classification Committee) they looked at the video on the cameras and saw her hand never entered my cell and was maced for no reason. I grieved it but all that was said was "No due process errors were found. Guilty plea stands" How ironic you have the video but still want to charge me even though the video shows I was in no wrong.

For one an outside person should handle the disciplinary procedures and grievance cases. Anonymity needs to be given to all cases not shared as gossip to officers not involved who in turn tell other inmates who label you as a snitch then they beat you up. Even this letter could be read by officers who tell people who get word back on the block that I spoke on something I shouldn't.

Some of us are afraid to speak out to the media and outside people in fear that something may happen to us.

Yes the wrong that happens is terrible but there is light also for instance you have church and many classes to help you and college degrees. But how can

we think sometimes or write coherently when its 100°F in the dorm and all we get are small plastic fans. Changes need to be made but as an inmate I can do nothing for I'm "Scum" and have no voice and my voice falls on hard ground → Let our light shine for others so they may find and walk in His grace. Thank You!

Sincerely,

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P.S, IF you want write me I can always get more detailed but you said 500 words or less plus its nice to write someone especially since I have no family or friends. Hope to hear back may God Bless You!