

A Coup de Main

(Attacking Dereliction of Human Compassion)

Today is December 19th, 2020 - six days before Christmas, as I plan to put into action my coup de main; a sudden attack or enterprise, against the injustices by staff here at USP Tucson. After breakfast, on Thursday, December 24th (Christmas Eve), I will go into a fast/protest against the cruel treatment that USP Tucson has leaved on inmates here.

The fast/protest, of which I'm deciding on calling on "prast" or "frottest", may be silly, but the reasons are not. From Thursday until at least 9 days is more than I can likely bear; normally it would be the death of a person. But, I am using some of the food I saved from the (pathetic) Christmas bags they gave out December 18th. I won't be able to eat much, but I'll be able to eat something.

So, why do it? Why walk myself into choppy waters? Because this is my protest against USP Tucson's complete and utter failure to be compassionate to human beings in prison, and because staff has instead tormented, neglected, and persecuted inmates, robbing them of human dignity.

This act of being completely insensitive to human needs comes in perhaps the worst year in US history, outside war. In light of the COVID-19 pandemic, which has taken over 350,000 American lives, in light of a year of social injustices, and now, even during the holidays, the staff from the Warden (Segal) down to Unit Team, and all staff, has completely rejected to entertain the meaning of the holidays by refusing to be compassionate to others. Instead, staff has actually increased punitive measures on inmates, to make their lives far more oppressive than it already is.

I will give examples as the "prast" or "frottest" continues...