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Life at South Central

After about two years here at South Central Correctional Facility, things have changed drastically. The day usually starts with us waking up about 6am in the morning to them just now doing their count time. The everyone comes out into the pod even though count isn't clear because nobody here shuts their door or locks down anymore because staff has gotten lazy to the point of not enforcing rules, and even if they did most doors on the compound are "rigged" so people can get out any time they want. Once count clears we go out to the gate to wait along with diabetics, then we wait, and wait, and wait, until usually about 8:30 am we find out there is no yard officer for the day so they make our pod officer, who is also our case manager, the gate officer too. So we finally get out the gate and the diabetics get their shot, people get their pills or shots even though most people have ran out of their meds for weeks or months with no comment on when they will get their most-of-time, very much needed medication. After that we find out we might not get chow (which is served in Styrofoam trays for the past two years because the Cafeteria and kitchen are "being remodeled". the tray contains portions so small and cold, nowhere even close to the prescribed ADA controlled diet.) until 9:30 am to which we finally get it pushed into

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our units so we can eat. at this point people show up to medical for their sick calls which are supposed to start at 9am but really don't start till 10am, that is, if they decide to do it, yeah a lot of times they don't do sick call because of how atrociously understaffed the nurses are. I recall getting frustrated one day waiting so I just walked into the inner part of medical to talk to the nurse. Which any body can just walk in, especially since medical is run by one officer who is usually sitting in the officer booth talking on the phone. This is usually how the junkies make it in to get their needles or the nurses food from the ~~kitchen~~ refrigerator in the back. I eventually got to talk to a nurse that morning. Oh I also forgot to mention that is also how junkies pass dope to the guys on suicide watch! As the day goes on count will clear usually abt 1:30 pm, 2 hours past the time T.D.O.C mandates and we begin going to chow as the guys from the bottoms of the hill (disciplinary inmates) come through their rigged/broke gate that they can open themselves to come into our pads either while we go to chow or through the gaping holes they cut into the fence. these excursions are usually to rob old white folks. Time comes again for count time for lockdown, well like I said before we don't lockdown in these parts, so much

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For that, at this point Count ~~clears~~ either 5pm or 6pm (as I write this it is 5:30 and Count has not cleared.) We come out to get Chow which sometimes is not until ~~8pm~~ 8pm and we wait at the gate, sometimes they won't let us out or even the diabetics (who sometimes never get their shot, did I also mention that along with missing KOP cards diabetics have run out of their Metformin pills and have not been restocked in weeks?) Once we get back from Chow the bottom of the hill people come in with us and it is robbing time all over again not to mention that while this is going on (not on our side usually) it is blazing hot in the pods because ^{the} air conditioning units in our pod are broke and have been broke for 2 years, but Core Civic will tell you that it is fixed and we have air, that is what they tell our loved ones who call in about it. Then it is Lock down time except as I tell you "Who looks down anymore?" they are trying to put pad locks on the doors we'll see how well that goes with medical and inmates that are barely taken care of a lot of times because medical supplies like gauze are stolen out of medical usually by Junkies.) Of, or Junkies that O.D. every night. Well. That is a typical South Central day especially for the guards who sometimes spend 24 hours working and some of it spend sleeping at the pod table or in booth after running a whole unit by themselves.

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Yep. things are pretty normal around here. If I do come across anything that happens to be out of the ordinary I'll let you know.

One thing, I did talk to our Case Manager / pd officer / gate officer that at the meetings she has been telling higher ups that they need help (which they desperately do) but their response is typically the same, "are we good on the audits?"

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