

## UNDERWORLD OF SPICES

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Around mid-June 2009, I got a chance to acquaint myself with offender Spicer. In a conversation, I explained that I was a homosexual, and offender Spicer drew an assumption from my body language and personality that I played the girl role in relationships. It was then that offender Spicer suggested, as prisoners say, "take me under his wing" for a small price when my funds allow. Offender Spicer soon noticed that I was in fear from offender Myers each time ~~I~~<sup>he</sup> was working in the kitchen of the dining hall. When able offender Spicer and I would arrange it to where we be standing in meal line together, but the prison staff would attempt to separate us. When offender Spicer stood next to me, he would tell me comforting words to ease my fears. These conversations were overheard and taken out of context by other offenders nearby to imply sexual ideation.

Then in mid-June 2009, Mr. Tadman moved me from the third pod to fourth pod. It was a perfect move for me because he could protect me and I would not have to worry about my known enemies with offender Spicer on the same pod as me. Ms. Genle told offender Spicer one day that having me on the same pod as offender Spicer was a "fluke" and it should have never happened.

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### A ZESTY JUDGMENT

As time went on, offenders housed on the pod began to notice the connection offender Spicer and I shared. Offenders close to me had viewed Spicer as controlling and bullying me out my canteen item. Although, Ms. Hartsock felt that I have been a bad influence on Spicer and his treatment. Contrary to the view points of others, I did not view it any other way because this relationship was grounded on protection. The agreement had nothing to do with controlling or strongarming, it was for a duty that prison officials are paid to perform for the offenders, public, and other staff.

False rumors began to circulate that Spicer and I was in some "sexual" relationship related to the fact that pod was suppose to be for sex offender treatment. It gotten so bad that during a pod meeting in December 2009, Ms. Hartsock allowed offenders to call out that Spicer and I was in a relationship and no other names had been mentioned. Other offenders were allowed to suggest for prison officials to separate offenders who are in "suspected" relationships.

After layoffs in January 2010, the decision was made by prison administration to separate Spicer from me among the pods. This was the prison response to statements made at the pod meeting. Coincidentally, offender Spicer was moved to my third pod shortly after Ms. Kuper, Ms. Roller, and Mr. Tadman placed me on pod restriction. This classification committee falsely claimed its

reason was because I was manipulating the system. The truth of the matter was Spicer had manipulated me to pay him for his protection when Spicer drew heat by him having all these sexual relationships with other offenders. Though, offender Owens relates that at no time has he seen me and Spicer touching each other in a sexual way that was seen with other inmates.