

PRESS RELEASE - USA/GARDNER Massachusetts

FROM: Luis Perez W-33937  
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RE: PRISON OVERCROWDING

Dt: March 4th, 2012

The issues of overcrowding in the prisons has become not only controversial but marked by hypocrisy as its deal with by politicians and the media. The fact of the matter is that this entire dilemma has been orchestrated for many years "Crime and punishment is a productive industry that has secured jobs for law enforcement community.

Over the years I have been using my personal knowledge on prison subculture presenting accurate information that deals with prison reform and creating programs that can curb juvenile gangs in urban areas and groups associations with the same name inside the penal system (See Documents Attached to this letter).

It is very sad to see the authorities blink on this entire matter, no one is paying attention because I am a prisoner and our opinion from the prison does not mean anything. But it is time to pay the piper, the public should know the truth.

The prison administration, the Department of Correction and the Governor's Office are very much aware of crimes being committed between the prison and the juvenile gangs in the street, in particular the ramifications of those groups in urban areas, but neither one has done anything to create the programs in question. Prosecution have been multiple among six counties, Middlesex, Suffolk, Essex, Worcester, Hampden and Hampshire.

While on the one hand, when there is a serious crime and someone is shot, the public gets scared and the media push the issues to the extreme that politicians and legislators revamp the legal system over and over. It is like beating a dead horse. The same overcrowding issues have been the statistic across the board, minorities make the majority of the prison population and most curious they come from those counties that have large minority resedent.

Sometimes my heart is broken because the hypocrisy, our own people get into power with the knowledge of what is happening then they look the other way and forget where they came from.





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September 30, 2008

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Dear Mr. Perez:

Please be advised that your September 11, 2008, letter to Commissioner Harold Clarke and Deputy Commissioner James Bender regarding a program proposal for North Central Correctional Institution (NCCI) has been referred to me for reply.

While your intensions in requesting a cultural/STG group program at NCCI are appreciated, we have no plans to pursue offering this program at this facility. With regard to Project Wake-Up, this program remains a part of NCCI's offerings. We cannot, however, eliminate the challenges faced by outside groups in their ability to take advantage of this program. We remain ready and willing to provide the Project Wake-Up program to those schools/groups capable of attending.

I trust this addresses your concerns.

Superintendent

GR/mrs

cc: , Commissioner  
    , Deputy Commissioner/Prison Division  
    , Deputy Superintendent/Treatment and Programs  
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October 3, 2007

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Dear Mr. Perez:

In response to your letter of September 16, 2007, I would like to thank you for sharing your comments with me.

While your comments and reflections are appreciated, please do not misconstrue my response as an endorsement of your ideas. I do, however, encourage you to submit your proposal for the curtailment of Security Threat Group activity to the Superintendent at North Central Correctional Institution.

Please do not hesitate to contact me should you have future questions or comments.

Acting Commissioner

cc: Timothy Hall, Assistant Deputy Commissioner  
Gary Roden, Superintendent - North Central Correctional Institution  
Inmate File



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Inmate Perez:

Your letter to Governor Weld has been referred to my office for response.

You are correct in stating that the problem of crime in America is multi faceted and complex. To ignore the connection between "the prison sub culture" and crimes in the street would indeed hamstring any efforts in that area.

As you may be aware, the Department of Correction is implementing new and innovative approaches to substance abuse, anger and violence reduction and sex offender treatment, to name just a few. It is the Department's hope that the approaches will do much in reducing the effects that the prison sub-culture has on those offenders that are released.

Thank you for writing, your views are appreciated and will remain on file.

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July 15, 2008

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Dear Mr. Perez:

Your correspondence to Commissioner Clarke regarding the D.O.C. Operations and the manner to address all of the problems that exist with the population and racial conflicts has been referred to me for a response. In your letter you state the following:

"Also, it's important that you know that when the culture program was removed the gangs took over and over the last 15 years the problems have spread to our communities, while Superintendents and deputies have hidden under the table and have dedicated themselves to create regulations without any knowledge in the correction field. They need to come up with innovated ideas that will address the problems".

I believe this issue was already addressed in a letter dated October 25, 2007 by Christopher Mitchell which states the following:

"Please be advised that an STG program is currently under development by the Department. This program will be designed to change inmate behavior by targeting risk factors, the STG mindset, criminal thinking, and other key elements of underlying STG involvement. A goal of the program will be to reduce STG involvement and affiliation. Two vendor contract positions are being dedicated to facilitate this program. I urge you patience as the Department works towards implementing this initiative".

I, also, believe comments similar to what is in your letter, "It is for this reason that your administration could not adapt to new ideas and projects. The tunnel vision does not allow them to see around them. You can not draw water from a rock, the majority of the prisoners arrive at Concord with doubts "Victim fees" – "Court fees"

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– Lawyers fees” and “Drug assessments”. All these things when there no sufficient money due to the prices in the canteen, not enough jobs, no vocational jobs ect. ect. Most of the money budgeted towards the D.O.C. goes towards your employees”.

Your similar concerns expressed were previously addressed by then Acting Commissioner Bender on October 3, 2007, as follows:

“While your comments and reflections are appreciated, please do not misconstrue my response as an endorsement of your ideas. I do, however, encourage you to submit your proposal for the curtailment of Security Threat Group activity to the Superintendent at North Central Correctional Institution”.

I trust this addresses your concerns.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be the name 'Luis Perez', written in a cursive style.

GR/mrs

cc: Harold W. Clarke, Commissioner  
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September 22, 2008

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Dear Mr. Perez:

I am writing in response to your September 11, 2008 letter concerning your proposal for Security Threat Groups cultural programs.

Please be advised that I am forwarding your letter and proposal to Veronica Madden, Deputy Commissioner of Classification, Programs and Reentry for her review and for her files.

Sincerely,

 Deputy Commissioner  
Prison Division

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cc:

\_\_\_\_\_, Deputy Commissioner  
Superintendent, NCCI

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