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Thoughts From THE HEART  
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1545HRS:

SLEEPLESS IN OHIO  
CORRECTION  
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IN THIS BLOG I SOMEWHAT LEFT SOME WORONG OUT: PARAGRAPH # 8 SHOULD READ: ["APPRENTICESHIP PROGRAM IN "CULINARY ARTS"] - SORRY FOR MAKING YOU GUESS WHAT I WAS TALKING ABOUT.

2012. MARCH. 24  
2300hrs:

"THIS PLACE"

IN BLOGS WRITTEN SINCE THE TAKE OVER OF THIS PRISON BY MTC SECURITY GUARDS INC.,

I thought, maybe, just maybe I'd been a  
little unhealthily in my thinking. But as I  
was second guessing myself!!! Their high level  
of intelligence employees didn't fail to bring  
me back to the land of reality. Most of all  
my most recent encounter with one of their executive  
staff. It's a sad state of affairs when race is  
always a factor. [In this day and age this country  
is more divided along racial lines than ever before.]  
I don't have to see it on media sites - but  
I live it everyday inside this prison. 95% of  
the staff are white - with most - not all - "but most,"  
have a problem with inmates of "color." Being once an  
instructor in the military on "Race Relations," I  
try to be understanding and not to take it  
personal. But in this setting - I'm having  
a hard time accepting or should I say being  
the better person and taking the high road.

### CASE IN POINT:::::

My encounter with MTC institutional Inspector  
who job is to bring a fair and impartial resolution  
to a grievance filed by a prisoner against MTC; the  
company that employee said position. What a tight rope  
to walk if one is going to do the right thing  
and stand upright in said position. But for one  
who is going to be "a company person" no  
sweat. And my encounter with the MTC Inspector made

IT PERSONAL-BEING VERBALLY ATTACKED FOR FILING A GROUNCE.  
PROTECT THE COMPANY AND EMPLOYEES NO MATTER WHAT  
AND THAT'S THE WAY IN WHICH THE OFFICE OF THE  
MTC INSPECTORS OFFICE OPERATES! SPIN MATTER AND  
NEGATIVE PROBLEM SOLVER OF INMATE GRIEVANCES WHO'S OFFICE  
EMBRACE THE POLICIES OF ANYTHING GOES AGAINST  
INMATE here at this Prison. THE WATER DON'T go  
INTO DETAIL OF THIS ENCOUNTER BEFORE-BUT, THE  
NEED TO TALK ABOUT IT; SEEM TO NOT LET ME SLEEP AT  
PEACE. THIS PLACE, I CALL IT THAT NOW, FOR IT'S  
NOT A PRISON ANYMORE-JUST A PLACE TO CONDUCT BUSINESS  
AND WE, THE INMATES ARE, "CHATTEL". THEIR MEL  
Ticket IF You will. IT'S NOT LIKE THE STATE OR  
OHIO who OFFERED A COMPETITIVE-WAGE WITH BENEFITS  
MTC. START THEIR PRISON GUARDS OFF AT \$1200/HRS-SUPPORT  
STAFF NOT MUCH BETTER-BUT WHEN JOBS ARE FEW AND  
NONE-COMPANIES LIKE MTC GET THE BRIGHTEST AND BEST!!!  
NOT TOO SAY SOME OF THOSE WHO WORK HERE, ARE HERE  
TO JUST - DO-A-JOB; AND EARN A PAY CHECK AND KEEP  
OFF THE WELFARE ROLLS. BUT THEY ARE FEW IN NUMBERS-MOST  
ARE WANNA-BE'S THEY CAN'T BE COPS(REAL) OR STATE  
CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS OR SUPPORT STAFF, SO THEY WORK  
FOR COMPANIES LIKE MTC AT LOW WAGES, COME IN  
PLACES such as this, and LOOK DOWN ON PERSON'S LIKE  
MYSELF. IT AMAZE ME, SINCE THE STATE OF OHIO  
LEFT, HOW THE VIOLENCE HAS INCREASE, HOW THE  
CONTRABAND HAS GOTTON WORSE THAN EVER.

Contraband: In Prison is, Items That One Is not  
Permitted To Have in one possession such as: XXX-Porn-  
ographic DVD's AND MAGAZINES, DRUGS; Tobacco  
chewing or smoking; AND LIQUOR. Don't get me  
wrong, IT WAS HERE WHEN THE STATE OF OHIO WAS IN  
control, But not as IT IS NOW. Tobacco since IT'S  
NO longer Permitted, goes for \$100.00 A Pack-sometimes  
Even up to \$200.00 A Pack- AND Self Roll Tobacco- \$300 TO  
\$500 A Pouch, A Lighter-\$50.00 Some State Prison system  
IT'S Higher; Cell Phones, well, That's a Big ticket ITEM.  
When the STATE was here They caught a few, most  
WERE brought in from other Institutions BY INMATES  
Transferring HERE. But \$1.00, or more is the going price.  
For one. I don't think Ohio has a Big problems with  
Cell phones IN their Prison System Like other  
STATES, but some has gotten IN. AND IT'S not the  
Family members or Friends of The inmates ALL THE  
TIME DOING IT. Believe it or not, There are DIRTY  
STAFF IN Prison across this Country. IF THE  
MONEY IS Right- an inmate can gain access to  
anything He or she wants SCARY! But, THIS IS  
the world in which "I, [not anybody else]" HAVE  
GOTTEN myself IN." NEVER AGAIN, AND I MEAN  
NEVER AGAIN... I won't even talk about the Gang  
problem; TO DEPRESSING ~~A~~<sup>A KIND</sup> OF got off my subject  
A LITTLE, "You Think!!; UNTIL NEXT'S TIME; STAY  
SAFE