

MEMORANDUM

[EXHIBIT (A)]
FOR
AFFIDAVIT

TO: MR. EDWIN G. BUSS, SECRETARY OF THE F.D.O.C.
FROM: DEATH ROW.
SUBJECT: DEATH ROW HOUSING AND CONDITIONS.

We wanted to send you a Memorandum addressing several issues that we hope you will take into consideration. The biggest concern right now is the administration here at Union Correctional Institution (U.C.I.) is doing weekly cell moves which is causing tension among death row inmates. This started about nine (9) months ago with the arrival of Lt. Adkins. There's been more fights on the recreation yard in the past nine months than in the history of death row. This administration is intentionally trying to cause friction, we really need your help in stopping this. A lot of us are being moved into cells that contain blood, feces, urine, semen and other bodily fluids that may contain hepatitis C and HIV. We are not given bleach or the proper protective gear, gloves masks, eyewear, to do bio hazardous clean-up.

The other issues are dealing with unnecessary restrictions by this administration. For instance, we are sold little plastic tab, security pens, for a whopping price of 65 cents. Where other inmates can purchase a 16 cent bic-pen. We have glass T.V.'s, metal lockers, tooth brushes and hobby craft items there's four 8-inch pieces of wood sold in the scrabble board sets, so it just doesn't make sense, or justify, us being sold 65 cent security pens. It's total nonsense and we are hoping you can sell us the 16 cent bic pens.

Another issue is the chicken. Death row always got chicken on our tray, there has never been an incident with chicken bones, yet this administration took our chicken away because of some violations that occurred in the "looney bin" dorms of U and V buildings.

Warden B.V. Reddish does not like death row inmates, we tried to talk to him about the digital T.V. antennas last year, which we are still having problems with. Warden Reddish stated "You are lucky you got one channel." And he's taken this

position every time we've tried to deal with him. For instance, we had an outside organization/individuals who were willing to donate a new antenna system that would have improved the digital reception, Warden B.V. Reddish denied this request, and has left us with an inadequate antenna system that constantly has digital break-up every night, some floors are worse than others.

If you look at the incidents on Florida's Death Row and compare it to population you will see we are well behaved and respectful towards one another as well as staff. Death Row is like everything else, there's going to be a knuckle-head here and there.

Overall Death Row is subdued, but we are in constant lock-down. We just started getting two three hour yards in November 2010, we are hoping you will change 33-601.830 (7)(i) exercise to read as 33-601.800 (10)(m) exercise, where you see close management gets three (3) two (2) hour yards a week. That's all we're asking for is more out of cell days. In fact, the main hall in front of the cells where the fourteen (14) cells are located could easily be opened where we could interact with one another and have access to the showers. The officers could still make their 30 minute rounds in a secure area on the cat walks. This would also do away with showers and the need for additional officers to escort us to the showers, being that we could take showers during the day while the doors are open. We heard you did this for Indiana Death Row and we are hoping you will consider implementing that here. We understand there will be parts that remain lock down.

Phone priviledges for death row is a real issue for us. Population and even close management have phone priviledges. Now all phone calls are recorded, so they are secure. Other death rows around the country have phone priviledges and a lot of us have family and friends who are unable to come and visit due to health, finances, etc. This would allow those of us who don't get visits the opportunity to speak to our loved ones. And the FDOC will profit from this.

Canteen and Keefe corporation is a major issue. They are price gouging and charging way above fair market prices. When Secretary McDonough came in 2006, he made Keefe lower the prices. When Secretary McNeil came in Keefe jacked the prices back up. For instance Ramen noodle soups sell for 16 cents each on the street. Keefe has jacked the prices up to 49 cents in here. Three times the fair market value. The

canteen committee is a position that needs to be looked at to be terminated. For they cause more problems with issues and make mountains out of mole hills.

Other prisons around the country have CD and MP3 players. We are still using walkman radios and the reception is extremely poor. If you look into upgrading our music situation we would be grateful. And the FDOC could really profit off the sales of CD's or down loading music on to MP3 players, and the entire inmate population would be grateful if you could improve the quality of headphones sold, or allow us package permits, inmates would be more than willing to pay a 10 or \$15 service charge to be able to send out package permits. We know you allowed this, in Indiana, and the FDOC could profit from the service charge.

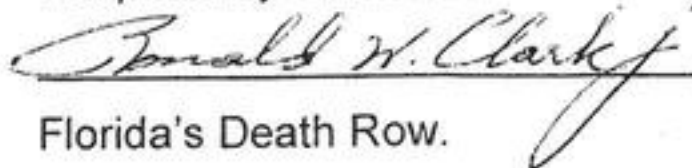
There are other issues, the selling of hot-pots to cook with, this would take the sting out of the two meals a day on the weekends, for we would have a hot pot to cook and prepare our own meals. Another great aide to our cause would be type-writers to do one's legal work. Texas and Virginia death row have hot-pots **and** type-writers. Florida is just so far behind on everything and we are hoping that you will help bring the FDOC into the twenty-first century. Alas, adding some of these priviledges and conditions will ease the issues surrounding the ban on tobacco products that's to take place, in September 2011.

For these priviledges will further give inmates the incentive to follow the rules staying D.R. free.

One other thing we would like you to consider is changing 33-210.101 (9) banning us from placing ads for pen pal's. Since we do not get paid, we have to rely upon friends and family for financial support, and some of us don't have family and have lost touch with old friends. We therefore have to rely upon making new friends, which 33-210.101(9) limits us access to reaching out making new friends.

We do thank you for your time, concern and help in looking into improving our environment here within the F.D.O.C.

Respectfully submitted


Florida's Death Row.