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"I don't care what you think as long as it's about me." --Fall Out Boy, 'I Don't Care'

Dear Readers:

OK, this may be semi-short 'cause I'm running out of email minutes. I just had to update you on some of the local BS.

So...I know this guy who's getting out next week. He's taking the bus from here to Jackson, TN, via Atlanta, GA, and Nashville, TN. It is common for the BOP to give inmates at least some funds to get started with (not much, I wouldn't say much more than \$100). They are only giving this guy \$25 for food on that long trip, plus \$40 for cab fare from Jackson to his home which he said is about an hour away. Not enough. That's it. They are also refusing to even call any homeless shelters for him to find a place to sleep that night and he has no where to go. Of course, this is the same PsyBit unit manager doing this. Yet, society expects a prisoner being released to make it on their own and be a successful member of that society. Are you f-cking kidding me?? Do you people not realize what's going on or why people return to prison so easily??

Also...a recent change here is they added a metal detector in Education. It is so sensitive that your watch will set it off (and the band is plastic, it's just the hooker do-hickey (and I'm assuming some of the works) that's metal). OK, I was told by several people that the reason they put in the metal detector (which you can walk around if no one is watching), is because people were stealing typewriters. Seriously?? If you people are too stupid to tell when someone's stealing a typewriter without the help of a metal detector, you really need help--mental help. There is no security reason to have a metal detector on this compound where nothing dangerous ever happens or ever has.

Further, there has been a chronic shortage of microwaves here. In Georgia Tech, which has about 200 inmates, it is not unusual for there to be one microwave for the entire unit. Needless to say, it is constantly going. The staff complain constantly about this and often refuse to replace them. Microwaves are purchased thru OUR funds, mainly commissary. For example, we pay \$7.30 for a jar of Folgers which I saw advertised in a store flyer for \$4.99--plus some of us (me) get paid only 12 cents an hour. Go figure. The point is, the microwaves are being paid for by us. So, they are now saying that they are going to take them away. I wonder where those extra funds are going to go???

Got to go...

Love & Blessings,

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