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Continuing Abuse of Prisoners in W.C.I.'s Segregation Unit

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It amazes me that, despite all the lawsuits filed against W.C.I. seg. unit staff (I found 12⁺, using our law computer, which is not complete in its reports) for sexually and physically abusing prisoners here, despite all of the journalists whom I and just one prisoner's relatives contacted about the systemic abuse here (e.g. Wis. Pub. T.V., Milw. Journal Sentinel, TMJ4 news, Capital Newspapers), along with so-called activists (e.g. Amnesty Int'l, Prison Fellowship Ministries, etc.), despite what must be at least a dozen criminal complaints filed with this county's prosecution against staff by prisoners here, despite at least my complaint filed with the U.S. D.O.J. (see justice.gov/crt/about/spl/corrections.php) — nothing's changed. The staff responsible for the majority of the severe abuse of prisoners here

C.O. II Joseph Beahm

C.O. II Andrew Moungey

C.O. II Jeffrey Gill

Lt. Jessie Schneider

Lt. (recently promoted from Sgt.) Shane Waller

Seg. Supervisor Brian Greff

Security Director Anthony (Tony) Meli

* Readers, please look these

guards + supervisors up on Google, Facebook, etc.; <http://wcca.wicourts.gov>. Find out

their criminal records + clues as to why they abuse prisoners + how they know each other

continue doing what they've been doing.

Thus I write this update with a growing sense of futility.

* Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) Violations *

In response to the sexual abuse of prisoners (by other prisoners + by staff) that flourishes in U.S. (+ other) prisons, Congress enacted the PREA, which requires states to prohibit such abuse and investigate complaints by prisoners if they want federal funds (state prison systems receive millions of such funding each year). The problem is that it's prison staff who investigate PREA complaints — they cover for their homies.

Here at W.C.I., the problem is that staff directly sexually abuse prisoners. Every time staff claim they needed to use force on a prisoner and need to put him in control seg. status (without clothing,

bedding, etc.) staff put a tazer to their victim, hold him in a kneeling position, cut off his clothing and grope at their genitals + anus, which staff call a "staff-assisted strip search." ¹

Thus, on or about 23 Aug., when C.O. II Schouten tried to remove me from my cell, after accusing me of threatening him for his disrespectful act, I suspected his intent (he had a threatening air, + no reason to bring me out, said, "let's go for a walk") was to put me through that routine after walking me out of view of security cameras (tellingly, it's when prisoners are out of sight of cameras that they claim prisoners tried to assault them to try + justify assaulting prisoners). That's what my complaint was about.

It wasn't until 7 Nov. that PREA Investigator Bill E. Searls came to speak with me about my complaint. He came to my cell, asked me if I wanted to speak with him about my PREA complaint, to which I said "Yes." But when I was told I'd be strip searched before + after talking with Searls, I declined to leave my cell, saying we could talk about it at my cell's door, thus avoiding a strip search. But Searls waved me off and left. The next day I received a Conduct Report ("C.R.") #d 2406066, authored by Tony Meli, claiming I lied about Cpt. Olson in my PREA complaint, even though my PREA complaint was not about Cpt. Olson!

Of course I filed a complaint (i.e. #WCI-2013-21845)² about being required to go through two strip searches in order to pursue my PREA complaint (+ I made a PREA complaint about that), which, of course, was dismissed by WCI's Warden (i.e. William Pollard). I also filed a complaint (i.e. #WCI-2013-^{no} yet) about Meli's C.R., after I wrote him + told him my PREA complaint had nothing to do with Cpt. Olson - Meli refused to scratch his preposterous C.R. + my complaint will certainly be rejected. I am also challenging the C.R. at the upcoming hearing for it, but....

I'll have to mail it in my next envelope. No room in this one!

F.N.1 In "These Peanuts Taste Funny," which accompanies this post, at p. 2, I reveal a scenario where inmates are the ones directly sexually abusing other prisoners. Alas, even in that prison it is staff who are ultimately to blame, as they allow it to happen, don't take reasonable measures to eliminate it.

F.N.2. The reason I'm providing C.R. + complaint #s is so that you may request + review these documents from the W.D.O.C. under WI's Open Records law, Wis. Stat. §19.35, et seq. I waive confidentiality for all my complaints.

According to every prisoner I've talked with about the PREA complaints they've made against W.C.I. staff, those prisoners received C.R.s too, accusing them of lying about staff, based solely on staff's expected claim of innocence. This is a clear pattern of harassment, retaliation, contrary to the PREA & the First Amendment's Petition for Redress of Grievances Clause:

State officials may not take retaliatory action against an individual designed either to punish him for having exercised his constitutional rights... or to intimidate or chill his exercise of that right in the future.

Lindell v. Casperson, 360 F.Supp.2d 932, 951 (W.D. Wis. 2005)

Wis. Admin. Code §DOC 306.17 Search of inmates, (2) STRIP SEARCH, sub. (c) says when strip searches are allowed, and it does not say that strip searches are permitted before and after a prisoner discusses a complaint with a D.O.C. PREA Investigator! (3) BODY CAVITY SEARCH, (b) only authorizes "Medical staff" to do body-cavity searches, and then only if "the warden" finds "probable cause to believe that contraband is hidden in a body cavity." It's regular guards though who do "staff-assisted strip searches," and the warden is not queried before they're done.

As Caine Wille #460695 told me and wrote in an affidavit, he too was strip-searched before and after speaking with Brian Greff and another unidentified staff member about his PREA complaint concerning Sgt. Matthew Scullion & Nicole Nelson sexually assaulting him while he was at W.S.P.F. (WI's "former" supermax). He's currently suing Scullion & Nelson for the incident in E.D. Wis. Case No. 13-CV-641-bbc. Mr. Wille was issued a C.R. too, alleging he lied about this sexual assault occurring.

— I base all of this info on conversations with the identified prisoners —

* Other Incidents of Severe Abuse *

- 1 Noah Hans Frieden ("Heather") #527353 is diagnosed with O.C.D., Severe Anxiety & Depression, being evaluated for G.I.D. (I discuss "her" in "Gay People Are Not Necessarily Happy People") & has A.D.D. by history (the W.D.O.C. refuses to treat Heather's, Wille's and, Bernau's, below, A.D.D. & A.D.H.D.). Being imprisoned for stealing hamburgers, Heather is not a threat and has no history of aggression towards staff. On 13 June 2013, after receiving 60 days in seg. for using the toilet during count, C.O. II Beahm ran Heather through the strip search routine.

Although Heather's O.C.D. was well documented, Beahm refused Heather's request for a towel or something to stand on in the much-used & thus dirty strip-cage, before Heather took off her socks. Sgt. Waller came to the scene & also refused Heather's request for something clean to stand on before removing her socks, as her O.C.D. impelled her to fear the dirty floor. Sgt. Waller refused. Lt. Schneider came, Heather repeated her concerns. The Lt. ignored Heather, told her to back up to the door to be handcuffed. Heather asked that a camcorder be used to record what was done, & at first, the Lt. agreed, walked off to retrieve the camcorder. Heather said, "Good. Now everything will be recorded." The Lt. then turned, stated (falsely) that the security camera in the corner would record everything (actually, the area was out of view of all cameras). So Heather complied with being handcuffed. As soon as the Lt. opened the cage's door, at least four guards strong-armed Heather (who's flabby, weak+neurotic), hyper-extending her joints to cause pain. They put her just out of view of the camera. They forced Heather to kneel down as much as she could, even though Heather was screaming because the strap attaching her handcuffed wrists to the cage's door was too short to allow Heather to kneel, thus the cuff from that strap cut into Heather's left wrist. Heather's screams and writhing from the pain were taken by staff as "resistance," thus they tightened their painful grips on Heather's joints. By then, Heather's socks were off, yet staff wanted to see the bottom of her feet. Even though it was well-documented as being part of Heather's O.C.D. that she always does the left of anything last, staff insisted she lift her left foot first, smashing her head into a nearby steel door when - still screaming in pain - she tried to raise her right foot first. Sgt. Waller then used an X26 taser on Heather's back, causing her to collapse, again hanging by her manacled left wrist, lacerating her wrist. C.R. #2401045, authored by Beahm, along with Incident Report ("I.R.") #78176, attempted to justify this sadistic treatment by claiming that Heather "resisted." Other staff involved wrote I.R.s #78492 and #79451. Photos of Heather's injuries were taken. I wrote a John Doe³ petition for her and she's joining two others in a civil-rights suit over the matter.

2 Tyrus Lee Cooper (I lost his D.O.C. #, but it can be found, with more

F.N.3. A John-Doe action, brought under Wis. Stats. §968.26, basically seeks to initiate a criminal inquest. See Williams v. Fielder, 282 Wis.2d 486, 488, 698 N.W.2d 294, 295 (Wis. App. 2005) (cites omitted, still good law)

information about him, on www.wi-doc.com) — on 30 April 2013, at approx. 2:50 P.M., after a fight with another prisoner in W.C.I.'s N.W.C.H. (northwest cell hall), 2 guards & a white shirt (supervisor, Lt. or Cpt.), who refused to identify themselves, roughly handcuffed Cooper behind his back. The guards dug the sharp edges of the cuffs into Cooper's wrists (a very common practice here) while the white shirt pulled Cooper's head back by Cooper's chin, his right hand in Cooper's mouth.

Cooper called out to two prisoners who passed him (i.e. Henry Anderson & Franky Brown), "Y'all see this?!" The prisoners said, "Yeah."

"Shut the fuck up!" said the white shirt, then, in response to Cooper's protest, "Take the fucker down." The guards slammed Cooper to the ground and the white shirt kned Cooper in Cooper's face, causing a knot on Cooper's eye, which became a black eye. Photos were later taken, but blamed on Cooper's earlier fight.

When Cooper asked, "What's this for?" the white shirt replied, "Shut the fuck up! I don't wanna hear your shit." Other guards and another white shirt, none known to Cooper, responded, shackled Cooper's feet, dragged Cooper by his neck and handcuffs, backwards, to seg, where Cooper's face was slammed into a strip cage's door. Cooper was choked. Lt. Schneider threatened Cooper with a taser. C.O. II Moungey cut off Cooper's clothing, causing Cooper to say, "What's this for? I never refused any strip search!" Moungey, apparently, grabbed & squeezed Cooper's genitals, spread Cooper's resisting buttocks and inserted a finger. Four female guards — e.g. C.O. Rodriguez & C.O. Moore — stood behind Cooper, observing the scene. A C.R. & I.R.s were written. Cooper was put in Control-seg status, with no clothing, etc.

Cooper's Black, while I'm a White Nationalist. Nevertheless, I wrote Cooper's civil-rights suit and John Doe petition, mailing them to Cooper, who was in the cell under mine & described the matter in much more detail through the vent connecting our cells.

Whether or not Cooper filed what ^I meticulously prepared, I don't know, as he didn't keep in contact. Racism is frequently far more prevalent & blatant among Black prisoners (towards Whites) than Hollywood has led many to believe it is among White prisoners. Dewayne Knight, a Black prisoner I'd previously wrote a similar lawsuit & Doe petition for, only to have him disrespect me & my ethnicity, boasted to me that he was doing Cooper's case.

3 Me — on the evening of 9 July 2013, shortly after Cooper, above, received the pleadings I mailed him, Moungey came to my cell to get

me for recreation. When he did, he looked at me angrily, slapped the cuffs onto my wrists, cutting the skin on the inside of my left wrist. When I asked him, "What the fuck are you doing?!" + showed him the minor injury, he said, "That's what ya get!" as witnessed by a neighbor. Earlier Moungey told me "I saw that suit you did for Cooper." Admittedly, my injury was minor, but it was still needless and obviously meant to harass me. I asked Moungey + C.O. II Lunde to have a nurse clean the wound + give me a Band-Aid. The complaint I filed about this (i.e. WCI-2013-13901) was dismissed as an attempt to harass Moungey(?!), without being investigated. In the following month I received a string of false, harassing C.R.s from staff, mostly alleging I cursed staff out, two claiming my pen was wrapped with paper (I was denied a pen for 20 days for that!), which eventually resulted in me being moved to A-wing, where the loudest, craziest, anti-social prisoners are housed. Tellingly, I was about to be moved, then I received the meritless, retaliatory C.R. I described in page 2 of this post, keeping me on the shit-smearer unit...⁴

4 Anthony Peters #467776 — on 2 Oct. 2013, he was brought back to seg. from the Behavioral Health Unit (B.H.U.), because he told a psychologist how he felt about C.O. II Moungey, a guard whom Peters believed was stalking/harassing him. Peters suffers from dyslexia, severe epilepsy (the only reason he doesn't wear a helmet is fear of staff's ridicule), almost certainly complex PTSD (his childhood was profoundly brutal!), major Depression, ^{O.C.D.} and possibly Borderline Personality Disorder (he's notorious for severely cutting himself, going so far as to pull out his toenails, let them dry so they're hard, then cutting with them — he's severed arteries that way). As insane as Peters is, they put him in seg., where his insanity only worsens. After being back in seg., C.O. II Beahm and his cohorts beat Peters, inciting Peters to severely cut himself. At Peters's request, I wrote a complaint for him about the above, asking the inmate

F.N. 4 You might suggest that I stop "popping paper" for others, + for myself, so staff cease harassing me. But that cowardly attitude is why the abuse + corruption flourishes here! I challenge the hypocritical abuse + corruption because it's just who I am. Moreso, it's all of our civic duty to not play along with such, to ensure those who so zealously enforce the law to oppress others at least don't blatantly violate it themselves.

Complaint Examiner (I.C.E.), whom I sent to, to enable Peters to sign it, as he was on crayon-only restriction & is dyslexic - of course the I.C.E. never did so.

This ham-brained mistreatment of Peters's seriously mentally ill self is nothing new. On 16 Sept. 2013, after he had a series of seizures, resulting in him lacerating his head, Lt. Schneider had Peters brought out, his face cleaned up & butterfly taped by medical staff, then returned (via a wheelchair) to his cell, in the same bloody clothing he came out in. When I complained to Greff about this, as it violated the Infection-Control Policy, Greff falsely accused me of lying. Bizarrely, due to this seizure, Peters was not released from seg. to B.H.U. that day, as the B.H.U. supervisor (Mr. Ludvigson) had told Peters would happen. Mr. Ludvigson's reason was that he felt Peters faked the seizure, with no cause to believe that & plenty of cause to believe the seizures were genuine (wheelchair used to transport Peters, Peters slept the rest of the day - seizures are very tiring, etc.). I wrote a complaint for Peters, objecting to being punished for having a seizure, then Peters was brought to B.H.U. All of the above persons are White.

Obviously Peters is so needy as to be annoying, a hallmark of Borderlines. But, around me, he wasn't acting up. I listened to his attempts at poetry, stories of severe abuse by his mom, etc. & gave constructive feedback. Staff being harsh with him makes him much worse, yet they persist in such behavior.

5 Dennis Samsa #490936 - on 16 Nov. 2013, he was accused of trying to hit C.O. Lewis, resulting in Sgt. Larson (who's brother's a Lt. here) and C.O. Klemmer roughing Samsa up (didn't get much details, as I had to go through a dull-witted messenger) & one of them squeezing Samsa's genitals while Samsa was on the ground, subdued. C.R. #2405682, written by C.O. Lewis (who's Black), resulted from this incident. Samsa is White. Larson & Klemmer are White too.

6 Timothy Bernau #423476 - diagnosed with Type 1 diabetes, Bi-Polar Disorder & A.D.H.D. (again, not medicated by the W.D.O.C. & he was being successfully treated with a non-stimulant new drug, Intuitive, when free). He was in the B.H.U., until staff kicked him out, said he had to go to g.p. Bernau refused (& stopped taking his meds), about three weeks ago. Inevitably, hypomania, the boredom of seg, untreated A.D.H.D. etc. led to Bernau verbally lashing out at staff, calling them "fags" etc. On 6 Nov. 2013, at evening meals, C.O.s Baumann & Bleiler refused to give Bernau his evening meal tray, despite Bernau telling

them that he was diabetic, repeatedly. Bernau'd just got insulin in preparation for his meal, meaning he needed that tray or his blood-sugar level would tank, resulting in a diabetic coma then death. So, Bernau covered his cell door's window to make staff get a supervisor, bring him to H.S.U. C.O. II Moungey came, said he was gonna take Bernau to H.S.U. By then Bernau was glassy eyed, out of it. Moungey cuffed & removed Bernau from Bernau's cell, which was right next to mine, and told other C.O.s to take all of Bernau's bedding & his mattress, giving Bernau one blanket & a black, vulcanized rubber mat instead. Although Bernau doesn't recall it, Moungey noted in C.R. #2345962 - which accused Bernau of not cooperating, passively resisting being put in a strip cage - that he kned Bernau in Bernau's thigh. Moungey also used the handcuff on Bernau's right wrist to abraid & ligate Bernau's right wrist, hand & arm. A nurse directed staff to give Bernau his meal and an ice-bag for his injuries. At Bernau's request, because he was denied paper & his pen for 10 days, I wrote Greff, Medical & Psych. staff about this, and wrote complaints for Bernau about the incidents (no #s received yet).

7 Helund Frazier #? - The one ironically cheerful piece of news is that Frazier, a Black prisoner, who was accused of spitting on C.O. II Beahm on 25 May 2011, had the case dismissed by this county's prosecutor after the prosecutor received a tidal wave of affidavits from Frazier's attorney (Mr. Mayer, William ph. 262-338-1415, outta West Bend, WI) verifying Beahm's abusive pattern of conduct. It's only amazing that Beahm hasn't been killed yet.

There have been many other incidents of severe abuse (e.g. John Deuchars #42641, a Vietnam vet, had his arm broke by Beahm), some of which I was unable to get specifics about, that occurred since I wrote the last post about abuse here (up on 5 July 2013 & transcribed). Some prisoners, such as James Dehler #489723, are too insane or dysfunctional to tell me what happened, who was involved, & C.R. & I.R. #s that confirm the injuries or assaults occurred.

As I noted in p. 11 of "Fraud & Fiscal Profligacy...", posted 9 July 2011, it's taxpayers & not these staff who must pay the bill when these staff are sued. Wis. Stats. §895.46 state and political subdivisions thereof to pay judgements taken against officers. So, why should staff fret?

What options do prisoners have other than physically attacking staff?

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