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RE: CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE: (POST).

THIS IS A CHRONO THAT I JUST RECEIVED TONIGHT AT MAIL CALL. I WENT BEFORE THE (U.C.C.) UNIT CLASSIFICATION COMMITTEE SOLELY TO ASK THEM FOR THE PHONE CALL THAT BY RIGHT I HAVE COMING.

BUT THEY DENIED ME THAT RIGHT COMING BECAUSE I REFUSED TO MAKE A CALL ON THEIR SPEAKER PHONE, I REFUSED THE PHONE CALL.

THEY KEPT SAYING THAT IT IS POLICY THAT ALL EMERGENCY PHONE CALLS BE PUT ON A SPEAKER PHONE, SO THEY COULD STAY THERE AND LISTEN TO THE CALL. BUT HERE WHERE I AM HOUSED ARE TWO PRISONERS THAT WERE GIVEN PHONE CALLS WHEN THEIR PARENTS DIED AND THEY WERE ALLOWED TO USE A PHONE WHILE IN A HOLDING CELL. AND NO SPEAKER PHONE.

I EXPLAINED THIS TO THE COMMITTEE, BUT THEY STILL SAID THEY DON'T DO THAT TYPE OF PHONE CALL. I HAVE TWO AFFIDAVITS THAT PRISONERS SWEAR UNDER OATH THAT THEY WERE GIVEN A PHONE CALL THAT WAS NOT ON SPEAKER PHONE TWICE. EACH PRISONER CALLED TWICE LIKE THAT. A TOTAL OF FOUR TIMES ALTOGETHER JUST RIGHT HERE IN MY UNIT.

THERE'S NO TELLING HOW MANY TIMES IT'S BEEN DONE IN OTHER UNITS, BUT IT'S OBVIOUS THEY HAVE DOUBLE STANDARDS.

I GET IT THOUGH, THEIR FRIEND AND CO-WORKER THAT I WAS SUING THAT DIED IS PROBABLY ONE OF THE REASONS. IT'S THEIR WAY OF GETTING PAY BACKS, AND THE OTHER REASON IS I DON'T KISS THEIR ASS LIKE OTHER PRISONERS DO.

SURE IT MAY OF COST ME A PHONE CALL, BUT THEY CAN STICK THAT PHONE UP THEIR ASS.

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IN THE PAST THIRTY YEARS I'VE SEEN IT GO FROM BAD TO WORSE. I LEARNED VERY QUICK HOW TO REACT, IF WHILE BEING ESCORTED BY GUARDS DOWN STAIRS AND THEY PUSH M DOWN THE STAIRS. I SAW IT DONE QUITE A FEW TIMES TO OTHER PRISONERS, AND HOPE I'LL REACT QUICK ENOUGH TO BREAK THE FALL. I HAVE A PLAN. DON'T KNOW IF IT WILL WORK BECAUSE I HAVEN'T HAD TO YET. THE CLOSEST I CAME IS A GUARD WHISPERING TO ME THAT HE COULD SHOVE ME DOWN THE STAIRS IF HE WANTED. I DIDN'T SAY ANYTHING BACK GOT READY TO PUT MY PLAN IN ACTION.

THE GUARDS ARE HUMAN BEINGS TOO. THEY HATE AND HOLD A DAMN GRUDGE JUST LIKE ANYONE ELSE. SO IF YOU DO SOMETHING TO THEM, THEY MAY NOT BE SATISFIED WITH JUST GIVING YOU A WRITEUP. AND INSTEAD WANT TO GET PERSONAL AND HURT YOU. SURE IT'S CRIMINAL IF THEY WAIT AND SET IT UP SO YOU GET IN A FIGHT THEN SHOOT YOU. THEY USED TO GET AWAY WITH THAT. IT'S A LITTLE HARDER NOW SINCE MANY PRISONERS BEGAN STUDYING THE LAW AND HOW TO FILE CIVIL RIGHTS SUITS. BUT THERE ARE GUARDS WHO STILL DO IT. THE LAW BOOKS ARE FULL OF SUCH CASES.

I REMEMBER LONG TIME AGO HOW GUARDS USED TO GO IN OUR CELLS AND LEAVE WEAPONS UNDER A PILLOW OR BED. THEN SEARCH THE CELL AGAIN ONCE YOU'RE IN IT, AND FIND THE WEAPONS AND ACCUSE YOU OF POSSESSION OF A WEAPON AND TAKE YOU TO THE HOLE FOR SIX MONTHS. THIS WAS REAL COMMON IN THE 1970'S I KNOW BECAUSE IT WAS DONE TO ME. I ARRIVED IN DVI. AND THE NEXT DAY A SHANK WAS FOUND IN MY CELL. IT WAS WRAPPED IN A NEWSPAPER DATED SIX MONTHS BEFORE I EVEN GOT THERE.

THERE'S A SAYING THAT IS VERY COMMON IN PRISON, "WHAT COMES AROUND GOES AROUND". SO THEY DID A LOT OF STUFF TO ME. BUT I'VE ALSO DONE A LOT TO THEM TOO. THE ONLY DIFFERENCE IS AS A PRISONER I ALWAYS GOT THE NEW CHARGES. SO I CAN'T UNDERSTAND WHY ANY PRISONERS WOULD WANT TO EVEN TALK TO GUARDS LET ALONE PLAY WITH THEM LIKE THEY'RE FRIENDS.

THERE ALWAYS MUST BE THAT INVISIBLE SHIELD BETWEEN PRISONERS AND THE GATEKEEPERS, EVEN THOUGH THERE ARE SOME GUARDS WHO ARE NOT DOGS. IF PUT IN A SITUATION WHERE THEY HAVE TO DECIDE BETWEEN LYING FOR JOB REASON OR SIDING WITH A PRISONER'S RIGHTS. IT'S OBVIOUS WHICH WAY THEY WILL DECIDE. IT'S DONE ALL THE DAMN TIME.