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NEW YEARS EVE.

Re: (DRB) HEARINGS updates. (POST).

I've been hearing that some (SHU) INMATES have been let out of the SHU. I know some of them, who have been in the SHU as long as I have.

I was surprised to hear they let some of them out, supposedly they were not told they must sign a contract, which is what everyone was not willing to do.

The problem is, that I've been reading about the problems many inmates are having out on the general population. The prison officials are expecting inmates to do what ever they tell them to do, and put up with a lot of bullshit.

I know how many prison officials are, they have prison rules then they have their way of enforcing them. By disrespecting inmates or their property, and always using the threat of disciplinary action to make sure the inmate does what he's told.

I know for a fact they will be telling inmates once they get out of SHU what type of self help programs they must take, who they must double cell with, knowing that not all inmates are compatible. This is setting us up to pick up new charges for assaults.

The cells are even smaller on the mainline. Having two inmates in them is not too good, especially for someone like me. I have a lot of legal materials. I'm always busy doing something, it wouldn't be fair to my cellmate if he wants to stand, or walk around, exercise or whatever.

I want to get out of the SHU, but not so I will end up picking up another case. The parole board already told me not to get any more infractions. At all.

From what I've been hearing in some prisons, prison officials are making problems for inmates. Like trying to provoke them to react. I usually react and get the worse of it.

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WELL IT'S NEW YEAR'S EVE. IT'S AROUND 4:30 PM RIGHT NOW. I WENT OUT TO THE YARD EARLIER. AND CAME IN AROUND 1:30 PM.

I DON'T PLAN TO STAY UP UNTIL MIDNIGHT I HAVEN'T DONE THAT IN MANY YEARS. I LIKE TO WAKE UP AND FEEL FRESH AND READY FOR THE DAY. BESIDES IT AIN'T LIKE I'M GOING TO BE AT A PARTY. IT'S GOING TO BE THE SAME AS IT WAS LAST NIGHT AND THE NIGHT BEFORE. BUT I HOPEFULLY THE NEW YEAR WILL BRING US CHANGES THAT WILL MAKE A DIFFERENCE.

THEY JUST CAME AROUND WITH MAIL BUT I DIDN'T GET ANYTHING, SO NOW I'M JUST WAITING FOR THEM TO BRING THE DINNER TRAYS. AND THE DAY IS PRETTY MUCH OVER.

I ALREADY WENT OUTSIDE AND DID MY EXERCISES SO I'M GOOD FOR THE REST OF THE DAY, I HAVE BEEN DOING SOME ARTWORK, I USUALLY WAIT FOR THE WEEKEND TO DO IT, BUT THE HOLIDAYS IS LIKE THE WEEKEND.

ONE THING THAT'S NOT SO GOOD FOR THE NEW YEAR IS THAT THE POSTAGE IS GOING UP AGAIN. MAN THEY'RE KILLING US WITH THE POSTAGE.

THE NEW YEAR'S EVE DINNER WAS GARBAGE, NO BREAD TO EAT WITH IT. FOR SOME REASON ON ALL HOLIDAY MEALS THEY DON'T GIVE US BREAD. I'M BEGINNING TO THINK WE ARE SUPPOSE TO BRING OUR OWN. THE REFRIED BEANS DID NOT LOOK VERY REFRIED. AND NOTHING LIKE BEANS. LOOKED MORE LIKE AN EXPERIMENT OF SOME KIND.

IT'S 6:30 PM NOW AND I GUESS I'LL DRAW FOR A COUPLE OF HOURS. I'M PRETTY SURE WE'RE GOING TO BE LOCKED DOWN TOMORROW. WE'RE USUALLY LOCKED DOWN EVERY HOLIDAY. THAT'S OUR CELEBRATION, BEING LOCKED IN OUR CELLS ALL DAMN DAY AND NIGHT.

THE OTHER DAY THE CONTROL BOOTH OFFICER LET US SHOWER EVEN THOUGH HE WAS NOT SUPPOSE TO. HE'S ONE OF THE BETTER STAFF.

IT'S 8:00 PM AND I'M GOING TO CALL IT A DAY AND WATCH SOME OF THE CELEBRATIONS ON T.V.

I HOPE YOU ALL HAVE A HAPPY NEW YEAR.