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RE: SHU ALLOWABLE PROPERTY REVISED (POST).

I JUST HEARD THAT THEY FINALLY REVISED THE SHU MATRIX PROPERTY FOR PELICAN BAY STATE PRISON.

MY NEIGHBOR IS LOOKING AT IT RIGHT NOW AND HE SAID IT'S GOING TO ALLOW US TO FINALLY GET A LOT OF THINGS WE BADLY NEED BACK HERE. AS SOON AS I GET IT I WILL TELL YOU IF ITS GOOD OR BAD FOR INMATES.

I READ THE NEW MATRIX AND IT DOES HAVE A LOT OF CHANGES. WE CAN ORDER A LOT MORE OF A VARIETY OF ITEMS.

BEFORE ALL WE COULD ORDER WAS JUNK FOOD. NOW THEY ARE EXPANDING IT SO WE CAN GET MORE VITAMINS, ALTHOUGH THEY DON'T WANT US TO HAVE CERTAIN VITAMINS AND PROTEINS THAT WE NEED FOR THOSE WHO ARE SERIOUS BODY BUILDING FOLKS.

WE CAN NOT HAVE ITEMS THAT HAVE SUGAR IN THEM LIKE JELLY, HONEY, AND CANDY (HARD CANDY). I THINK ITS MUCH BETTER THEN IT WAS BEFORE.

I DON'T AGREE WITH THE RESTRICTIONS ON ART MATERIALS. WE STILL CANT ORDER COLOR PENCILS, AND ALMOST ANYTHING, EXCEPT WHAT THEY SELL IN THEIR PRISON CANTEEN. (WHICH IS BULLSHIT). I REALLY HOPED TO GET SOME MORE ART PAPER AND BETTER QUALITY PAPER, AND COLORS. ALONG WITH MORE ACCESS TO PASTELS OIL, AND SOFT PASTELS. INSTEAD ALL THEY ALLOWED IS 14-COLORED INK PENS. THAT'S IT. THEN THE VENDORS DON'T EVEN SELL FOURTEEN DIFFERENT COLORS TO CHOOSE FROM. IN THE CANTEEN THEY ONLY SELL FOUR COLORS.

THAT RUINED IT FOR ME.

THEY WERENT CLEAR AS TO IF WE CAN PURCHASE ITEMS THAT ARE IN METAL OR ALUMINUM CONTAINERS OR PLASTIC BOTTLES. AND THEY WILL EMPTY THEM FOR US.

BEFORE WE COULDN'T ORDER CERTAIN ITEMS BECAUSE OF THAT. IF THEY AGREE TO DO THAT IT WOULD BE MUCH BETTER FOR US. BUT THESE GUARDS ARE NOT ALWAYS WILLING TO DO ANY EXTRA WORK LIKE EMPTYING STUFF INTO CUPS OR OTHER TYPE OF CONTAINERS. BUT WE'LL HAVE TO WAIT AND SEE.