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FEBRUARY 4, 14
TUESDAY PM

WENT TO THE
RE: DRB - HEARING (PLST).

GREETINGS,

AS YOU KNOW I WAS WAITING TO GO BEFORE THE (DRB-HEARING)
THAT WAS POSTPONED IN DECEMBER.

AND THAT IT WAS RE-SCHEDULED FOR TODAY EARLIER THIS MONTH,
SO IT WAS EXPECTED THAT I WOULD BE CALLED DOWN THERE.

THE COUNSELOR TOLD ME THAT IT LOOKS GOOD IN MY FAVOR
BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THE SHU FOR 37 YEARS TOTAL.

SO I WAS TAKEN TO THIS HOLDING CELL AT THE ADMINISTRATION
BUILDING. I WAS HELD THERE FOR SEVERAL HOURS WHILE ANOTHER GUY
WAS BEING SEEN.

THEN AN OFFICIAL CAME OUT AND TOLD ME THAT HE'S READ MY FILE
AND HAS SOME QUESTIONS FOR ME.

SO WHEN IT WAS MY TURN I WENT IN AND SAW A LONG TABLE
IN THE SHAPE OF A HORSE SHOE, WITH A LOT OF OFFICIALS SITTING THERE.

I ALSO SAW A LARGE TABLE WITH COOKIES, POTATO CHIPS, SODAS, ETC. FOR
THEM TO SNACK ON. I WISHED I HAD ONE OF THEM COOKIES 😊

SO THEY INTRODUCED THEMSELVES AND BEGAN TO EXPLAIN THE STEP-DOWN
PROGRAM, THEN AFTER I ASKED A FEW QUESTIONS THEY BEGAN TO TALK

ABOUT MY GZNG VALIDATION, THE DISCIPLINARY HISTORY I'VE HAD
THROUGHOUT MY INCARCERATION, THEY ASKED ME QUESTIONS ABOUT MY
MOST RECENT DISCIPLINARY VIOLATIONS, ONE WAS FOR POSSESSION OF A
SHANK (KNIFE) AND THE OTHER WAS FOR ASSAULT ON AN INMATE. I
EXPLAINED THEM THE BEST THAT I COULD.

THEY ASKED ME ABOUT MY POSSIBILITY OF GETTING OUT OF SHU. HOW I
WOULD HANDLE IT.

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I TOLD THEM THAT I AM MUCH OLDER NOW, AND AM NOT THE PERSON I ONCE WAS, I DO NOT GO OUT LOOKING FOR TROUBLE ANY MORE,

BUT THAT I WOULD NOT LET ANYONE ATTACK ME, I WOULD DEFEND MY SELF.

BECAUSE I'VE BEEN IN THE SHU SO LONG THEY WONDERED HOW IT IS GOING TO BE OUT OF SHU FOR ME, AND I TOLD THEM IT'S GOING TO BE VERY DIFFERENT FOR SURE, I WAS USED TO BEING IN SHU ALL THESE YEARS LIVING ALONE, AND HAVING LITTLE CONTACT WITH PEOPLE THAT IT WAS GOING TO BE DIFFERENT, AND TAKE SOME GETTING USED TO. BUT I AM WILLING TO GIVE IT A TRY. I TOLD THEM IM AN ADVENTURER I HAVE ALWAYS BEEN GLAD TO DO AND TRY NEW EXPERIENCES, THIS IS NO DIFFERENT.

THEY FINISHED WITH THEIR QUESTIONS AND AGREED THAT THEY ARE WILLING TO GIVE ME THE OPPORTUNITY TO PROVE MY SELF. AND I TOLD THEM THAT I AM GLAD THAT THEY ARE DOING THIS.

SO WHEN THEY ASKED ME WHERE I WOULD LIKE TO GO, I SAID I'D LIKE TO GO TO SALINAS VALLEY STATE PRISON.

THEY KIND OF FLIPPED THE SCRIPT ON ME THOUGH, THEY SAID I HAVE TO DO TWO YEARS ON THE 180 YARD BEFORE I CAN GO ANY WHERE ELSE. IT IS SUPPOSE TO BE A YEAR, NOW THEY CHANGED IT. BUT I'LL ARGUE THAT LATER. FOR NOW IM JUST GLAD TO BE GETTING OUT OF THE SHU.

AS I WRITE THIS, IT KIND OF SADDENS ME A LITTLE BECAUSE I WILL BE LEAVING SOME FRIENDS AND THE PLACE THAT IS LIKE MY ONLY HOME I CAN REMEMBER. I'VE BEEN IN THE SHU LONGER THEN I EVER WAS GROWING UP IN MY MOTHER'S HOUSE, OR ANY HOUSE. 37 YEARS IS HALF MY LIFE OF MORE IN THE SHU.

OKAY, SO I WILL LET YOU KNOW HOW IT GOES, FROM SHU TO THE GENERAL POPULATION, AND THE GOOD AND THE BAD OF THE TRANSITION.

SO STAY POSIED.

I MUST ADMIT THAT IM GONA MISS SEEING SOME OF THESE LADIES THAT WORK HERE AT PBSP. I JUST SAW GRANNY TODAY AND WILL MISS WATCHING HOR WALK UP THE STAIRS. EARLIER I SPOKE WITH A NURSE WHO I WILL REALLY MISS SEEING TO. IM HAVING SECOND THOUGHTS NOW OF CHOOSING SALINAS VALLEY. BUT AFTER IM DONE WITH MY TIME AT THE 180 YARD I WILL ASK TO RETURN TO THIS PRISON, I HAVE A FRIEND IN EUREKA THAT VISITS ME ONCE A MONTH.