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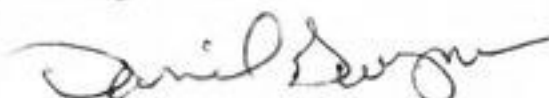
Yesterday, I watched a death row prisoner being escorted off the block by a lieutenant & three guards (CO). One CO was leading him by a tether attached to the cuffs restraining him from behind, while the other held him by the arm. The other CO followed the procession with a video camera to record the entire movement.

The prisoner was being moved to a Prisoner Observation Cell (POC) for a few days because he made threats to harm himself. Although this prisoner is very mentally unstable, his actions were more of a ruse so he could move back to the other capital case block where he could give hand/blow jobs out in the yard.

Personally, I don't have anything against him or his proclivities, to each their own. but I report this story to demonstrate what this lock-down environment does to people. This environment causes hardships that makes men become so desperate for human contact & affection that they would seek out & accept the affections of another man--even in spite of his STD status (HIV).

Prison life is hard (no pun intended) and my concern isn't about the HIV positive yard pump; it's how the minds of men on lock-down become so twisted & perverse that they stick their Dicks in anything. More & more prisoners are being kept in solitary confinement which causes a form of psychological degradation. The Administration is very much aware of this, but don't care. Their only concern is care, custody & control. They've talked about this, even did studies and wrote reports declaring how unconstitutional & immoral the practice is, yet still utilize it. The supreme court has even declared that solitary confinement is cruel & unusual punishment.

Death row solitary confinement is lock-down in a small 8x12' room for years without end. It comes with sensory deprivation in the form of social darkness (hindering family/friends' communication & support), or psychological depatterning in the form of constant artificial lighting that prevents prisoners from sleeping or feeling the passage of time. Incidentally,



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both of these methods were originally developed as forms of torture. Twenty-two hours a day, and twenty-four on the weekends, we're locked in our cells.

I've been in this nightmare for 20 years. I've survived by focusing my anger about my wrongful conviction on correcting the injustices perpetrated against me, and bring awareness about this in spite of the Criminal Justice System, & the country that I love, efforts to destroy me--mind, body & spirit. I'm using my God given talents and my story to help others. I donate my artworks to crime prevention programs & to fundraisers that help victims' families, etc. The positive feedback I've received helps me heal & inspires me to improve my life, tell my story & continue making a positive contribution to society. I refuse to let "The Man" keep me down, or get me "Twisted."

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Daniel Gwynn". The signature is written in dark ink and is positioned in the lower right quadrant of the page.