

THE PRISON TERRORIST  
"Wears a Badge"

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With all this talk of "homegrown" terrorists and ISIS "sympathizers" you would think the prison system would be a breeding ground for these cowardly predators, but you would be wrong. The prison system does in fact breed terrorists, but they do not wear turbans, practice Islam, or strap bombs to themselves; they wear a badge.

You see here in Massachusetts guards must work 32 years before they can "max out" their retirement benefits plan. What this creates is a lot of jaded old guards who were hired back when these jobs were not the high paying "stealing gold" efforts they are today. These dolts who were hired two or three decades ago were the bottom feeders of the employment seeking world, not smart enough to get jobs which required real thinking and too physically weak to lug bundles of shingles or pull lobster traps, they took low paying turnkey jobs in the prison system. They joined the "dregs of humanity and scum of the earth" as Mark Twain once called them. Now, all these years later, these "scum" are making big bucks off the misery of others, and even worse are turning into crime creating terrorists.

Men (and women) need to feel a sense of accomplishment in their work. A contractor builds a beautiful home for someone and he is proud. A fisherman catches a lot of fish and feeds his community and he feels a part of the greater good. A guard does a good job of keeping a fellow human being in a cage and it eats the guard from the inside out. He begins to hate himself and that self-hatred breeds shame, shame hurts, cuts to the bone, so as a defense mechanism the guard imposes his anger, his self-hatred, onto the prisoners in his keep. They all become less than human and deserving of any level of abuse that can be visited upon them. They feel if they can "put us down" it will "lift them up". It never works and creates angry young men with a lack of respect for authority and our society's rules. It creates crime and is fully responsible for the 47% recidivism rate we have here in Massachusetts.

The other night, outside my window, the shift supervising lieutenant yelled into a young prisoner's face: "I'll f\*&\$ing punch you in the f\*&\$ing face you piece of s\*&\$!" The prisoner's offense? He was running on the walkway trying to get in the shower ahead of other prisoners coming from the gym. This same lieutenant, the quintessential "scum of the earth", pulls stunts like this every night, he terrorizes the weak prisoners because he hates himself; he knows he is one of the "dregs of humanity." These abused young prisoners turn into time bombs with "random" timers; no one knows when they may go off. Just pray that it is not in your city or on your street.

Men like myself attempt to expose these prison "terrorists", but it is an uphill battle. Just today I was called to the warden's investigator's office due to my complaint filed about the incident I described above. This young investigator, still wet behind the ears as far as I am concerned, asked the obligatory questions, but in the end they will "high five" each other, squash the investigation, and find my claims "unsubstantiated." My claims will ultimately be "substantiated" when the angry young prisoner returns to your community, possibly your street, and kills some innocent victim in a senseless shooting. Someone will ask: "Where did it all go wrong?", and the answer is: "With the prison terrorist."

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