

Silent Abuse Inside Wisconsin State Prisons
**The psychological/physiological affects of long term
Administrative Confinement in segregation.**

Fact Sheet:

1) in 1997 to 2001, certain Wisconsin politicians went on a demagoguery campaign to appear *tough* on crime and solve unemployment. Their plans were not thought out as evidence in current corrections show.

2) They were led by then Governor Tommy Thompson, who petitioned U.S. Congress for grant money. But was told Wisconsin did not qualify because they did not have an overcrowding problem. Thompson went and created one.

3) Thompson did *three things*: (1) set the milieu for "*Truth in Sentencing*", the oxy moron imported,, even though its birth state disbanned it as a failure, the T.T. demagogs moved forward. "Foolish slogans bring a fool's result"; (2) They changed the parole system, by skulduggery means, making it static parole. I.e., no grants or very few; (3) They changed the Administrative Code, broadening the language and scope to place a prisoner in AC (Administrative Confinement). An indefinte status that lasts either to release, death, or they choose to stop abusing and let you out. In conjunction, Thompson directed DOC staff to increase their conduct report quotas. The same way traffic cops are required to issue certain amount of citations to generate money for law enforcement projects. But here, the goal was to create prison overcrowding.

Combined together, all four elements working in conjunction did exactly that. (See: 1997 Wis. Act 283, and see criminal penalties study committee (CPSC) report at: www.doa.state.wi.us/secy/index.asp. Also, "if you build it they will come: the threat of overclassification in Wisconsin's Supermax prison" - by Jerry R. Demario, University of Wisconsin Law School, 2001, Wis. L. Rev. 207.

4) Before Supermax opened, 50 prisoners were on AC with 41 on target list. Id. 219. Even this number was post Thompson's move to increase. The true number was around 25 for the whole system. 60% were Black, and Hispanic making up the rest. With six whites.

5) This increase created new problems, though these abuses don't matter. Increase in "seg-a-cides" (Seg suicides) in Wisconsin from 2001 to 2005 had 28. Twice the national average. (See: WI-DOC.com/&NathanPhelps/pressgazette&journalsentinal).

6) To allow prisoners out of the hole (segregation) they must find a goofy and petty reason to send somebody else to switch the beds, or hold people like me for decades. (I was in Supermax 14 years, seg for 15 years, and continues).

7) While there have been four to five major litigations challenging seg conditions, the relief gained only protects the severely mentally ill, and that's dubious because we still see them being abused too. Wisconsin has no real mental health system for the number of prisoners that need treatment; and the abuse of long term seg/AC creates new decompensations every 6 months. (In paraphrasing Gandhi: "As the state seg is a soulless machine, it can never be weaned from the mental & physical violence to which it owes it's very existence.").

8) To learn more about these issues, or to get involved or read about these abuses, go to "Forum for understanding prisons" (FFUP). Web: prisonforum.org. or pgswan3@aol.com. Or you can talk to me at Ras Atum-Ra Uhuru Mutawakkil, P.O. Box 351, #228971, Waupun, WI 53963 (N. Green).

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PUNISHMENT BY ANOTHER NAME:

LONG TERM AC/SEG

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To: Fountain of Life Gathering of Sept., 27th, 2013

Re: Psychological Abuse and Torture in Guise

- 1) Distinguish guests! I write to you today to request that you take interest in the mental and psychological health of not only those prisoners who are clinically diagnosed as having psychological conditions, but those without problems but are being unfairly held in long term seg/ac for punishments that are guised up as Administrative management issues.
- 2) My personal experience in Wisconsin extends for 14 years of long term segregated confinement. Thirteen of them at the Wisconsin Supermax now guised as WSPF.
- 3) Allow me to provide context to these claims made by a class of us being thus held. In 1996-97, Governor Thompson petitioned the Federal government for money for corrections. That request was turned down because Wisconsin did not have an overcrowding problem. To get that money, Tommy Thompson created one.
- 4) Years later, when discussion of his unnecessary and unwarranted Supermax was placed on the table, told Wisconsin did not need such a prison and not enough prisoners were Supermax material, nor could be classified as such under the existing 308 Administrative Code. Language changed to overly broad and wide sweeping language so that the lack of required numbers needed to justify a Supermax prison was *Hocus Focis* created.
- 5) Wisconsin went from having an estimate of 16 to 26 people on Administrative confinement (AC), to hundreds and a false mirage for a Supermax need. And once the pretext was built, the fuzzy math went from a few hundred to thousands or more on AC or some protracted long term segregation.
- 6) In addition of changing the language to permit carte blanche discretion and venal use of AC. The code was viscered of all its language that gave it any real and true non-punitive properties.
- 7) For example, language like "while on AC a prisoners will be allowed the property allowed where he is allowed" (meaning AC could be re-fitted daily based upon the attitude of those who do not have a favorable opinion nor the rights of the prisoners at heart). Those who wish

and want to see those suffer and be tortured the most.

8) This means they can tell you, as the case at WCI, that AC is the same as those doing punishment time except with a few more privileges to create the facade for the illusion of difference. The old code before Thompson's gut move, mandated prisoners be allowed all property and privileges that prisoners in General Population (GP) received unless and until it could be shown to be a "security" concern.

9) With Thompson's gut and blanket discretion, prisoners like me have been one continuum long term of disciplinary punishment guised up as non-punitive AC.

10) You must realize that the only thing that creates and makes a distinction between hole time (Seg) punishment and/or verses AC (non punitive) status, is the amount of property you receive and the kind of property you receive, and other things that have no legit security classification for restricting. Otherwise, AC is and will always be guised up punishment.

11) I offer the discapere edmere (following example): if you give one girlfriend a rose with three thorns on it and give another girlfriend one with six on it, and then tell them that each rose is different and tell the latter that her rose is more special and valuable than the former because of the extra thorns, and that she could count them as "more of a second rose", any materialist and psychologist would call me a cad and my spiel a *svengol!* suzerain play.

12) This is the exact type of guised up word play DOC/WCI is playing on us long term AC/Seg prisoners.

13) Act two/Part two: Having created these problems, Thompson's cabal had to manage this flow by the revolving seg door and justification for long term seg. I.e., AC

14) See the picture? If I overcrowd the prisons, filling up the beds, I can add a few more hundred products/bodies, by also filling up all the segregation beds. So, my building capacity goes from 400 beds to 600 or 600 to 800.

15) But what do I do when it is time to let those in the hole (seg beds) out? Oh, that is no problem. Write tickets and send new people to the hole to trade them out. And do this as often as needed. It is easy to find faults among a bunch of criminals to justify more punishment. By this means the prison can always operate at full body capacity. No bed is to be left unturned. This is the same philosophy hotels employ.

16) So, this is why conduct reports are intentionally and maliciously written to the detriment of those in the cross hairs, and used with such distortion that a writer of current and provocative events can be labelled an Al-Qaeda for the sole purpose of making sure one seg bed will forever be full.

Those of you who have gathered have the power, votes, and voice (*vox populi*) to stop this abuse and demand true and proper dealings with those being abused.

Thank you for listening. Feel free to give feedback or help.

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