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My G.E.D. struggles

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Well for the past two months, I've been doing everything in my power to get my GED, educate myself and become a better person, and a better prison advocate.

All I've managed to do is run into one road block after another. Because of my sentence (death) the Florida Dept of Corrections doesn't want to allow me access to the educational dept. and programs.

Although there are secure one man cells in the class just for the purpose of high security inmates. There's also ample room. For I've walked pass there, and seen empty cells, so there's absolutely no penological justification for denying me access to an education.

There's nothing right now, that I want more, than a GED/High school diploma. I'm currently asking my friends to send e-mails, letters and make phone calls to secretary Julie Jones to allow me to get my education. Will it work? Can't say, but either way, I'm giving it my all. And we don't know unless we try.

My goal is to get this GED. then a paralegal degree, then take some college courses and go on from there.

I have several study books sitting down there in the property room. a lot of good there doing me there, but the mail room sends them there, and the property room brings them to us. only problem is, the FDOC is under staffed, by some 1,500 officers, and their shutting the property room down for days on end, because of under staffing. Thus I'm in limbo on studying.

what I'm really going to need is a tutor. Cause

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several books that I've read (Pre GED) From the Library (which I can only check out for a week before turning them back in) left me needing further explanation. But finding a tutor is going to be tough. Yes - I've still got a lot to work out. At least I'm trying.

No one should have to struggle this hard, to get an education. And the way the school system pushed me through each grade without a passing grade, is just wrong. I was disposed of, in each grade, pushed through, I was in the 6th grade two weeks before being placed in the 7th. All that 6th grade knowledge was lost, because I didn't get to participate. So of course I failed the 7th, and then I don't even attend the 8th grade. So in reality I went from the 5th to the 9th grade without passing 6th 7th or 8th grades. Your setting a child up for failure, when you push him/her through school without educating them.

I want this education, and some how, some way I'm going to make it happen.

To all of you out there on the world wide web, take care of yourself and never take no for an answer. For where there's a will, there's a way. God bless you.

Sincerely
Ronald W. Clark Jr

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REQUEST FOR LIBRARY SERVICE

2303

INMATE NAME: Ronald W. Clark Jr

DATE: 3-29-16

DC #: 812974

HOUSING: G-2303

Inmates in administrative confinement may borrow 1 book from the library once per week. Inmates in close management and on death row may borrow 3 books from the library per week. Below, identify the subject area of interest, identify authors or titles of interest, or do all. If a specific title is requested but is not available, the library will substitute another book by the same author (if available). If no book by an author is available, the library will substitute another book from the same subject area or fiction genre.

SUBJECT REQUEST: Check 1 or More, or Number in Order of Priority

FICTION	NONFICTION	FORMAT
<input type="checkbox"/> African American Interest	<input type="checkbox"/> African American History	<input type="checkbox"/> Cartoons/Comics
<input type="checkbox"/> Christian	<input type="checkbox"/> Biography	<input type="checkbox"/> Classic Literature
<input type="checkbox"/> General Drama / Life Stories	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Education / GED Prep	<input type="checkbox"/> Easy-to-Read
<input type="checkbox"/> Mystery	<input type="checkbox"/> History	<input type="checkbox"/> Poetry
<input type="checkbox"/> Romance	<input type="checkbox"/> Nature / Wildlife	<input type="checkbox"/> Short Stories
<input type="checkbox"/> Science Fiction / Fantasy	<input type="checkbox"/> Sports	<input type="checkbox"/> Libros en Espanol
<input type="checkbox"/> Spy / Espionage	<input type="checkbox"/> True Adventure	
<input type="checkbox"/> Suspense	<input type="checkbox"/> War	
<input type="checkbox"/> War	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject _____	
<input type="checkbox"/> Western	<input type="checkbox"/> Subject _____	

SPECIFIC AUTHOR OR TITLE: List in Order of Interest

Pre GED Testing

* Blogers: Now the Library doesn't want to provide books that just weeks ago they were providing. And I've already been told I can't use the educational dept.

READ VERY CAREFULLY

1. Orders will not be processed if your name, date submitted, DC#, and housing location are missing.
2. The loan period for books is 1 week. Inmates who wish to keep a book for another week must request same in writing on the next week's request.
3. Inmates who do not return books borrowed on 1 week shall not be provided books the next week.
4. The book(s) loaned to you are listed below. You are required to sign your name and enter the date next to each title. By signing this form, you are accepting responsibility for the book(s) loaned to you. Inmates who do not sign and date the form will not be issued books. Failure to return books within 2 weeks may subject you to formal disciplinary action.

TITLES OF BOOKS PROVIDED

INMATE SIGNATURE AND DATE

LIBRARY USE ONLY: RETURN DATE

* PLEASE REQUEST THIS TYPE OF BOOK TO EDUCATION
Thank you VERY much - HAVE A GREAT DAY

INMATE REQUEST

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mail Number: _____
Team Number: 9
Inmate: FSP

TO: (Check One) Warden Asst. Warden Classification Security Medical Mental Health Dental Other [REDACTED]

FROM:	Inmate Name	DC Number	Quarters	Job Assignment	Date
	<u>Ronald W. Clark Jr</u>	<u>812974</u>	<u>G-2303</u>	<u>—</u>	<u>2-17-16</u>

REQUEST

Check here if this is an informal grievance

I'm wanting to get my GED I'm going to need assistance from the Education Dept. Can you help me out with this. Thank you.

Blogger's: Thought I was going to get approved. Got my hopes up, only to see it all come apart. Story of my life. But I'm going to find away to get my GED.

All requests will be handled in one of the following ways: 1) Written Information or 2) Personal Interview. All informal grievances will be responded to in writing.

Inmate (Signature): Ronald W. Clark Jr DC#: 812974

DO NOT WRITE BELOW THIS LINE

RESPONSE

DATE RECEIVED: _____

Clark-
I have notified the acting Ed. Supv. of your interest in beginning work on your GED. Someone from education should be making contact with you soon.

[The following pertains to informal grievances only:
Based on the above information, your grievance is _____ (Returned, Denied, or Approved). If your informal grievance is denied, you have the right to submit a formal grievance in accordance with Chapter 33-103.006, F.A.C.]

Official (Print Name): [REDACTED] Official (Signature): [REDACTED] Date: 2/19/2016

Original: Inmate (plus one copy)
CC: Retained by official responding or if the response is to an informal grievance then forward to be placed in inmate's file
This form is also used to file informal grievances in accordance with Rule 33-103.005, Florida Administrative Code.
Informal Grievances and Inmate Requests will be responded to within 10 days, following receipt by staff.
You may obtain further administrative review of your complaint by obtaining form DC 1-303, Request for Administrative Remedy or Appeal, completing the form as required by Rule 33-103.006, F.A.C., attaching a copy of your informal grievance and response, and forwarding your complaint to the warden or assistant warden no later than 15 days after the grievance is responded to. If the 15th day falls on a weekend or holiday, the due date shall be the next regular work day.

INMATE REQUEST

Team Number: 9
Institution: FSP

TO: (Check One) Warden Asst. Warden Classification Security Medical Mental Health Dental Other [REDACTED]

FROM:	Inmate Name	DC Number	Quarters	Job Assignment	Date
	Ronald W. Clark jr	812974	G-2303	—	3-6-16

REQUEST

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just checking in to see if theres any new information on me getting my GED. I really am anxious to get a GED, so I can then do some educational courses. Thank you for your time and help.

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Still working on this, Clark. I am in discussion w/ Control Office about it, primarily for the reasons we discussed in person. When I have something concrete you will hear from me.

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INMATE REQUEST

STATE OF FLORIDA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Mail Number: _____
Team Number: 79
Institution: FSP

TO: (Check One) Warden Asst. Warden Classification Security Medical Mental Health Dental Other _____

FROM:	Inmate Name	DC Number	Quarters	Job Assignment	Date
	<u>Ronald W. Clark Jr</u>	<u>812974</u>	<u>G-2303</u>		<u>3-16-16</u>

REQUEST

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Thank you for trying to get me in the GED Program. I'm already pursuing a GED Correspondence Course, I'm still trying to locate the proper individuals, But I want to go ahead and get it approved, so I can immediately get started. Could you tell me how to go about getting the correspondence courses approved. Thank you for your time and help.

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RESPONSE

DATE RECEIVED: _____

Write a request to Dr Leach in Education.

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