## CRIMINALS GUARDING CRIMINALS

Have you ever wondered why alot of offenders return to prison soon after their release in New York State: It's because there is no rehabilitation in our NYS prison system. And some of the programs that we do have that is suppose to help us offenders are worthless, and this is because of the criminals that guard us criminals. Instead of being called correctional officers, we call them corruption officers, because that's exactly what they are. Prison is a school of crime. We are required to attend groups, such as, "Alternatives to Violence" and at the same time we are also taught by correction officers how to lie, steal, assault each other, sexually abuse people, deal drugs, etc.. I ve been in prison about 22 years now and I find that alot of the crime in prison is due to the correctional staff, from the correctional officers up to the superintendents. And the corrections department in Albany, N.Y. who is suppose to oversee the prisons and prisoners rights do nothing but support the abuse that takes place in the prisons. I have witnessed crimes like officers bringing in drugs and giving them to inmates, sex between inmates and officers, officers beating up inmates due to their crimes, especially sex crimes or getting other inmates to beat them up. I've seen officers read inmates personal mail and then make fun of their families as well as reading all their legal work out loud. I've seen alot of officers set inmates up by planting contraband in their cells or cubes just so they could get them sent to solitary confinement. I've seen officers lie and said they were hurt by an inmate so they could get time off, when in fact, the inmate is the one who got hurt. I have seen officers fondling inmates during pat frisks, I was one of those inmates. There are plenty more acts that people in the street don't know about, but should. No matter what happens in prison all the correctional staff sticks together. For all you people in society who have relatives or friends in prison, stay in contact with them, make sure they are safe all the time. And if you don't hear from them in a certain amount of time, start making calls and don t stop until you get some kind of evidence that that person is alright.

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