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Ask me about solitary confinement,
and the Panda Bear

If you were to ask me about solitary confinement I could tell you horror stories. But here is an example of how solitary confinement is abused and used as a tool to bully inmates.

Here is a guy we will call Stan who has been in prison for the better part of 19 years. Stan has been virtually "ticket" free with only a couple minor disciplinary [tickets] infractions over the years. (On a scale of 1 to 10 on the problem scale- this guy is a 2 given that he only complains about his medical issues/rights as a diabetic and his diabetic diet.) He stays busy helping others and working- basically doing the right thing. He has a little job painting and fixing windows which he enjoys and looks forward to doing. He is well known as a hard worker, respectful and diligent; and not involved with anything nefarious.

On December 14, 2016, Stan was questioned by the I.P.S. (Inner-Parameter Security), a/k/a/ the Gestapo, about a work computer. Stan was berated by an I.P. we will call Waffler about computer use; and that he [Waffler] received information that Stan was using the computer for "illegal non-work related activities." During the interrogation Waffler repeatedly asked Stan questions about other inmates; staff, and drugs. Stan was told that a search of his cell yielded enough to send Stan to the Maximum Security Prison in Shirley- and if Stan would provide information "this could all go away with a slap on the wrist." The castigating questions continued as Waffler shuffled a stack of papers like a blind man playing solitaire. Stan saw a print-out of a panda bear. Stan explained that some weeks prior he had taken a piece of scrap paper from a scrap paper pile and one side had a picture of a panda bear on top of a March 2018 calendar page. And, someone had printed the 2018 calendar instead of a 2017 calendar for the office. Stan was asked who printed it, and Stan replied he did not know. Stan further explained that while he was waiting for movement back to his housing unit he grabbed the piece of scrap paper and wrote out a list of canteen items he wanted to order once he got to the unit. Stan expounded that the paper was all folded up (not suitable for framing); and there was a list of items to be ordered, i.e., toothpaste, shampoo, coffee, etc., along with the corresponding math. Perplexed Stan inquired what else was found in his cell as there might be a reasonable explanation as there was with the panda bear. At this point Stan was called a liar and told that he had just lost his job; lost his single cell and would be sent to Shirley Max. And, at this point Stan strongly believed the I.P.S. had planted something in his cell because he knew he had done nothing wrong. Waffler later told Stan that he had spoken to the Sgt. of the I.P.S. who we will call O'Malarkey, and that O'Malarkey had stated that 'he [O'Malarkey] was willing to take this one all the way- and for Stan to prepare for

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will regain his housing seniority and job, he has been told to be patient.