

# Exploitation Of A Captive Consumer Base: Who Is Profiting Off TDCJ Inmates?

Grits For Breakfast is an amazing blog here in Texas that provides some of the best coverage when it comes to criminal justice-related matters. SEE: <http://gritsforbreakfast.blogspot.com>

Although the Grits post is from May 17, 2010, it is very relevant today with respect to the TDCJ's commissaries and the approximate 150,000 inmates who spend their money on the items sold there. The mere fact that J.P. Morgan Bank and a company by the name of Caldwell brokerage has received millions in profits should be reason for concern and questions. The exploitation is made more egregious by the fact that "someone" operating a company out of "Huntsville, Texas"

USING THE NAME "BARBO INC." IS RESPONSIBLE  
FOR THE DISTRIBUTION OF SEVERAL ITEMS CURRENTLY  
BEING SOLD IN TDCJ COMMISSARIES ACROSS  
THE STATE. NOW CONVENTIONAL LEADS US TO  
BELIEVE THAT WHOMEVER IS CONNECTED TO  
BARBO INC., AT ONE TIME OR ANOTHER  
HAD SOME TYPE OF CONNECTION TO THE  
TDCJ; OR MAYBE STILL HAS SOME SORTA  
CONNECTION TO THE TDCJ. Ponder on that  
FOR A WHILE, BUT ONLY AFTER YOU'VE READ THE  
FOLLOWING CRITIQUE FOR BREAKFAST POST. ENTITLED  
"COMMISSARY ECONOMICS: WHO PROFITS?"