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## "FLORIDA'S WATCH DOG"

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The State of Florida has two bureau's in place that are to be the Florida Department of correction (FDOC) watch dogs, that are there to ensure that the inmates and staff are protected, and that constitutional standards are up held inside these prisons. One of the watch dogs is the American Correctional Association known as the ACA. The other watch dog can be found under Florida Statute § 944.31. Inspector General Inspectors powers and duties.

The Florida Legislature did a marvellous job when they constructed this. It is beautiful written! Unfortunately all it is is a bunch of hollow words. For both of these watch dogs have been in place for decades!! And as you know, the FDOC has been abusing torturing and even murdering inmates under their care custody and control for years! Violating constitutional rights, and human standards!! Where have these watch dogs been? Sleeping in the laps of their new masters, the prison administrators, that's where they've been and where they will remain until we speak up and say enough is enough! The ACA, all they care about is collecting their ACA accreditation fees annually, for the fraudulent announced inspections they do. Yes hundreds of thousands of tax dollars are sucked up in these fraudulent accreditations. And you can't argue it. Look at what these Senators and Representatives are finding during these surprise prison walk throughs/visits. Its unequivocal evidence that the ACA is a fraud, that's stealing from the government, and putting up a facade that constitutional standards are being met. And our Legislatures are proving that is the case.

Now for the Inspector General (IG) office, well one of their main problems, besides not doing their job and complying with Florida law F.S. §944.31, is the cronyism that's taking place in the good ol' boy south. If you go do some research you'll find out that the correctional staff has infiltrated the IG's office. So you've got the police, policing themselves. And if you want evidence. I was assaulted by correctional officers "Twice" in May of 2012, because of my writings. Well the institutional Inspector was Inspector Hall, who I was surprised to see. Why you ask? Cause he had just worked for this same administration in our property room as Sgt Hall, and was promoted to Lt. Hall just a few months earlier. So here he was investigating his friends and colleagues. And his wife Nurse Hall was the one working in the building when I got assaulted. Like I said, good ol,' boy system gone rogue spreading their corruption not only throughout the FDOC, no they even infiltrated the IG's office. The corruption goes all the way to the top. Research who some of the head IG's are, and you'll find that they've been former Wardens. So you've got cronyism going all the way to the top!! You would have to be deaf, dumb and blind not to see the cronyism in there. Oh Inspector Hall he covered up my assault and protected his friends, just like he was put in place to do. He never interviewed the inmates on the wing who heard staff beating on me, until the LT. said "Okay that's enough!" Welcome to the Florida Department of CORRUPTION!"

Yes we've got two very useless incompetent watch dogs, that are better suited as the administrations lap dogs. Cause that's truly what they are, and they can't even begin to make an argument against it. Both of these bureau's aren't worth the paper there written on. And its time for our Legislatures to take notice ,terminate the ACA contracts and implement a new way of appointing the IG and hiring institutional inspector's, keeping them outside the influence of these FDOC administrator's. Yes the time for change is here and now. Not when the next inmate is assaulted or killed. Take this essay to your Senator or Representative and call for this much needed change. God bless you all and continue to fight the good fight.

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