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## "OVERWORKED STAFF"

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Correctional officer's are resigning due to forced over time, having to coming in on their off days and forced to work 16 hour shifts. I continue to witness this, and here staffs complaints concerning this forced over time.

But to those who are living in or around Florida, these prisons who are forcing these officers into 16 hour shifts working these men and women six and seven days a week, their endangering your lives by putting a mentally and physically exhausted man or woman behind the wheel of three thousand pound automobile after 16 hour shifts. I've literally seen officers standing up, in front of my cell, about to fall asleep. They can't even keep there eyes open!

All you've got at that point is a body. He's no good to the security of the institution, because he's exhausted!! When an individual is that tired, the last thing you want is to put that individual out there on the road. This administration got mad at me last year, for writing about this and putting it on my blog. Well here I am a year later writing about it again, because its still happening! And it endangers your loved ones as well as mine. You've got people transferring and resigning from this administration because they don't want to work for them. Maybe what Secretary Mark Inch needs to do, is come in, pull officers to the side, and find out what the problem is. You can't question these officers and Sgts. in front of their bosses. You need to do it outside of eyes and ear shot of the administration. Not everyone is meant to be a leader. When you've got staff transferring and resigning, then you've got to take note. You contact those staff members and question them regarding why they left. What was the cause? Poor leadership? Or the leadership not caring about you. Clearly they think so little of them,they turn them out on the Highways and these back roads physically and mentally exhausted after 16 hour shifts. That's showing a total disregard for these officers lives,as well as the public. And most of these officers recognize this. They've told me this. Why you think I'm writing about it. Because they've brought it to my attention. I hear their complaints over and over again. And you know what? These complaints are valid! These officers are treated with little to no respect, forced into extra shifts where they are denied time with their family. And you want to know why the FDOC is loosing officers? Well there it is. This administration doesn't want me talking about this, they made that clear last year. Send this to your legislature,with your letter of protest. Cause that exhausted man or woman leaving here after 16 hours,could be the person who falls asleep behind the wheel, taking the life of your loved one. These officers do not need to pushed to the brink of exhaustion, and forced into all this extra duty that's also effecting their family lives, and endangering the public. Be a voice, speak up and be heard, for like I said, everyone isn't meant to be a leader and the leadership within the FDOC is evident of that.

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