

## Racism in Pa State Prison Supported by D.O.C. Secretary Wetzel

I'm a lifer, I took a mans life who attacked me 22 years ago. I want to discuss racism. How does that make you feel? Do you care when someone else calls another human being a racist term/name? Usually its from hate, ignorance or jealousy. But let me tell you, I am sick of it. I laugh at the white nazis in prison talking about a pure white race (no such thing as pure anyone) just as I laugh at the non whites who say, the white man put me in prison. But then I stopped laughing and started listening. These are troubled people who need help. So I ask you how does racism make you feel? Will you stand up to it? The only way to end racism is to stand up against it. Speak out about it. But thats what I did. I reported a white DOC employee (a gym staff member) for calling an African American State Representative named Chris Rabb a racist term. He called the man a Monkey Politician who thinks he runs something but doesn't run shit, behind his back. I called Rep Rabb and told him, also in a letter. But Rep Rabb told me, Rob, I have heard from others in prison who were retaliated against by the prison system for things like this so you know you'll be retaliated against and I will not bring this up if you tell me not to, I gave him my support and he said he will never abandon me, and he hasn't. But what they have done to me is insane. The DOC retaliated against me for reporting racism. I made one of their employees look bad so Secretary Wetzel, an African American Republican, retaliated against me, he took my job where I made \$50-60 a month. Thats a good job in prison, most people make \$15-20 a month. He had me placed in solitary confinement with no warning and I had not violated any prison rules. He had me moved to a prison 5 additional hours from home. And now he says I must remain here for atleast 5 years before I can ask to be moved back to my home region in eastern Pa. But what I continue to say is WHY??!! I did nothing wrong. I reported a staff for being non professional.

I have been called a traitor to my race by the superintendent of the prison, the level of unprofessionalism continues to surprise me. But this is what the prison system does. What makes it worse is they do nothing but lie about why they moved me. They made the mistake of admitting it to a Pennsylvania Senator who is trying to fight for me but so far we've made little progress. This is an issue that will ultimately have to be taken to the Governor and a lawsuit will have to be filed. For this, I've got nothing but time but for the taxpayers of Pa, they will be footing the bill paying in excess of \$100,000 in order for the DOC to defend this lawsuit. I am open and willing to compromise. All I ask is to be returned to my home region so that I can maintain my family ties, right your wrong. I have spent 22 yrs in prison trying to make amends,

make up for my crime, I don't know if I can but at least I am trying. The DOC, they are not willing to even discuss it. I'm losing my family over this, I am unable to see my daughter now, I am being punished for reporting racism. Where are we, the 1950's?

So I ask you, if you are tired of racism, stand up with me and help fight back against it. I spoke up about it and I was punished. All I want, all I am asking the DOC for is to move me to either sci Phoenix or Chester so that I am close to home again. I ask you to call and email Senator Katie Muth and State Representative Chris Rabb. Tell them that you support us in this movement to end racism in prison and to get me moved back to my home region so that my relationship with my family does not suffer any further.

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I thank you for your help & support. Help me take a stand against racism and against retaliation for reporting it. Thank you and god bless. Ciao.

Please feel free to send me any opinions, ideas or comments.