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"STAFF MEMBER CAUGHT STEALING FROM INMATE"

On Tuesday May 19, 2020 Regional Director John Palmer was here in the building, speaking with an inmate who was a victim of petty theft. From what I learned about it. An administrative yard officer, took one of the inmates identification cards, went out to the canteen, scanned the card, ordering his self some food. The inmate wasn't going to have it, and filed a complaint. True enough this was a misdemeanor petty theft. But it indisputable evidence just that these officers steal from us. This one here, just happened to leave a paper trail. Where most will just go into your locker and take an item or two. I actually liked that officer, he was quite, and didn't mess with anyone. It wasn't a smart move. But he had seen other's do it, and get away with it and figured he could get away with it as well. He just underestimated that inmate, not realizing that he would pursue the issue.

Yes unfortunately this officer fell into copying unethical traits. He became a product of his environment and became a petty thief and a criminal. And if you think this is not the norm, your dead wrong! If the legislature ever passes a law that requires FDOC staff to take annual polygraph exams, most of these officers will resign before they lose their job and pension. The average person on the street, has no clue of the corruption that is going on behind these walls, and inside these prisons. Your thinking, why would you risk your job, your career and lively hood over \$7.00 worth of junk food? Well like your average criminal, you don't think your going to get caught. And when your the law, and most everything is under your control, you begin to think your invincible. Especially when your young, "impressionable," and you see other staff getting away with the same acts over and over again. Yes this officer, like a lot, just became a victim of bad traits. I'm not sure what consequences that officer faces, but according to 33-208.003. Its an offense that requires termination. And I know his position has been filled by another staff member. Yes its unfortunate that not only that it happens, and will continue to happen, until the legislature says enough is enough, and implements a law, requiring mandatory polygraph exams that will hold FDOC staff to a higher standard. Because when it comes right down to it, these beautiful words and statues are all really hollow. Yes we should be pushing for standard polygraph exams. Write your local senator and representative and ask them to put forward a bill on this.

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