

Friday
July 16, 2021

Dear Senator's & Representatives,

I'm coming to you concerning a homicide that's being covered up. It involves a Lt. Christian Carter, here at Union Correctional Institution (UCI). Here's what I know.

Back in the early part of June, I heard a story that Lt. Christian Carter, Sgt King and a CO, attended the Fallen Officer memorial ceremony, they were representing UCI. and the FDOC was paying for their hotel rooms. Well Lt. Carter hired a known prostitute, and paid her with not only , but with his prescription drugs, she was found dead, several days later in his rented FDOC hotel room.

When I heard about this, I began talking to other STAFF Members, some were scared and would not talk. During a psychologist call out with P.Dorm Counselor Mrs. Garcia, I asked her what she knew, and when I said "What do you know about Lt. Carter and the dead woman in his hotel room?" she was surprised that I knew about it, asked how I found out. But, she wouldn't talk about it. so I told her the entire story of what I had heard. once I was done, I said, "Just tell me yes or no, is it true?" She said "yes accept for where the body was found." The first story I heard was the body was removed from the hotel room and placed in the bushes. you can look all you want, you will not find this story in the media. Believe me I've even had attorneys look. It's being kept quite as a mouse !! Nothing on it anywhere!

I wrote a piece about it on my IPad Tablet on June 26, 2021 Saturday, Called Hush Hush Keep it on The Down Low" This Administration blocked it and censored it in violation of established law. Please see attached "Formal Complaint" that I sent to the U.S. Department of Justice on

June 29, 2021. On July 8, 2021 I received a DR Log# 213-210782 which both of my attorneys believe to be retaliation. So on Saturday July 11, 2021 I was sitting here in a Disciplinary Confinement(DC) cell, writing to Florida House Representative Susan Valdes, when at approx. 11:35 am the sgt came through picking up the lunch trays, when he said "Clark what have you done now?" I said "Well possibly writing about Lt. Christian Carter and that dead woman found in his hotel room." sgt was next door at Cell 4102 opening the flap to get his tray, when I said this, the sgt can be seen on video P-4-Left bottom floor, sticking his head back over here with a look of shock on his face, he said, "How in the hell did you find out about that PP!" He was surprised that I knew.

Now I had written a second piece up dating Hush Hush... I knew it would be censored, I was hoping to go to Recreation where I would have access to the Jpay Kiosk, on Wednesday July 7, so I could send this second part entitled "The Cover up" and then immediately print, before the Administration could snatch it out of sent box, and censor it, I believe the administration was monitoring my Jp6 tablet and what I was writing, any way before I could get it printed, I received the DR. I sent the essay before they could take the tablet. I had no way to print, therefore you will have to contact the FDOC and request a copy of the email, sent to my Attorney Karin A. moore at approx 7:30 am Thursday July 8, 2021.

That week I had found out more information. I spoke with a staff member who had informed me, that Lt. Carter had told the homicide detectives that he didn't pay the prostitute, and she stole his medication. He did this to negate the negligent homicide charges. I asked the staff member, "Why is this being kept so hush hush? I mean you can't find this story anywhere

on the internet, media nowhere?" He said, "Know one care's, she's just a crack whore." And when I questioned him further about the meds, he said there's two sides to the story, but only one persons here to tell their side."

I've been told that Christian Carter resigned last month. Someone needs to interview Sgt. King, who's a black male and who's post is possibly 21 or Y. dorm. He can tell you who the C.O. is, that attended the ceremony, this will also lead to the hotel room, which will lead you to the STAFF who discovered the body. Which should open the investigation up to where you can find the truth, and discover why it was being kept from the public to begin with. Because there's a cover up going on! And I'm making people very uncomfortable!"

I cannot reveal the names of these officers that I've spoken with. I gave my word that I wouldn't. These officers have families, and this career which they've got time tied up in. And if this Administration found out the names, these men would be ostracized and possibly terminated for talking about this, with the most hated inmate back here. And although I write negative stuff about the F.D.O.C., you have some good men, who I respect and will protect! And people have told me, please don't involve my name in this mess. And I want.

I'm going to include a letter that I sent to you back on May 4, 2021, which is about how this Administration treats its staff. I'm not sure if it reached any of y'all. I know legal and privileged mail goes through Col Lindsey's office. And in 2018, he pulled a stamped and sealed envelope that was addressed to then Assistant Regional Director John Palmer. For he sent Captain Sandlin down here to bully me the next morning, so he does censor, "illegally censor" letters addressed to other public officials. And I haven't received any comments or acknowledgement of this letter.

Now staff often come to me, and ask me to bring certain issues to your attention. And I know that's hard to believe. But they've got no voice, their not going to use that grievance system because their not going to be ostracized and or retaliated against. And many have told me over the years, "I don't know if you're brave or crazy." But I was asked over a month ago, to write about "HOSTING THE ROSTER". It was the first time I ever heard the term. Now if true, you have this Administration not only jeopardizing a maximum security death row housing unit, but Falsifying state documents in violation of 33-208.002 (9) and its governing laws Florida statute 944.09 etc. I've personally witnessed undermanned post, one of which I'll tell you about shortly, where recently retired Sgt. Brennen was working 3 post. But when I first started investigating this back in mid June, I was asking staff what can you tell me about Ghosting the roster or post? "Well I got some feed back, but I believe one, or multiple, staff members notified the Col. 1, Assistant Warden or Warden. Because before I'd see one sgt or co. working down here alone, sometimes not just running this security post that requires a sgt and co. but the staff member would also be running the 2nd floor as well. Which also requires a sgt and co. so I've seen one co working four security post. Yes 3 unmanned post in a maximum security unit!" Which is irresponsible beyond belief!"

Okay on Sunday June 20, 2021 the last Sunday that Sgt. Brennen worked, he was working the inmate visitation park dress out. The main hall and helping out on the wings, pulling inmates for visitation. I'm sure he will not mind testifying to this since he retired on Thursday June 24, because this Admin. was disrespecting him, and over working him! Co. Shippie retired that same day, for the same reason. But that Sunday, you had one co. filling 3 positions in a maximum

security unit. I've seen this happen on numerous occasions over the past year, and there's video evidence that will support it. Where you will see the same sgt or co. making 30 minute rounds down here on one, south, and then going up stairs making rounds on two, south. And since I started inquiring about this, I've seen as many as three OFFICES down here assigned to this Floor. In fact video will show several times over the past 2 weeks, where they're assigned a Lt to work as a Floor OFFicer, July 9th, 2005 one of those days.

Now STAFF told me that security will assign one OFFicer to two different post. For instance they'll assign one of P-Dorm Admin recreation OFFicers, as a Floor OFFice, but yet he will still be doing his rec post, so their Falsifying a report to make it look as if that post wasn't left unarmed. Now your going to need to do a roster audit on P-Dorm, which is going to require interviewing STAFF, and viewing P-Dorm video.

One STAFF member I questioned, told me that they've placed names on the roster, of people who no longer work here. To me that seems far-fetched, but I also know from dealing with the FDOC "anything is possible."

I know this building is severely under-staffed. We all see it. But if their doing this, its not only immoral, illegal and dangerous, but its reckless!! "And should call for this entire administration to be terminated. STAFF asked me to bring this to your attention. And enough of them backed this story up, to where I believe it to be true. Like I said, someone has leaked to the Administration that I was asking questions about this, and they've made some corrections. And they maybe trying to alter and correct any Falsified documents. But I believe you should get the personnel records of the following individuals, and question them concerning this. Sgt Brennen and C.O. Shipper who retired on June 24, Co. Glen and former recreation OFFicer Abernathy. And counselor

Mrs. Garcia, who witnessed unmanned post, which prevented her from doing her job, and counseling inmates who are dealing with the psychological trauma of solitary confinement.

This homicide, and this ghosting the roster is the two most serious issues, that need to be addressed. However there are some serious issues concerning the inmates back here, and what we're having to deal with. We're basically being tortured in a sweat box during these summer months. Even the officers and nurses hate coming back here where we're housed, due to the heat. I plead with you to visit this building on a day where the temperature is in the high 90's with a 100% humidity. I heard 2 North is the hottest, but I'm on 4 Left bottom, which is miserable. The visit should take place between 2 and 5 P.M. which is the hottest time of the day. On this wing here, you also have 4 men unjustly behind closed solitary steel doors. I say unjustly, because they haven't committed any crimes, that are any more serious, than the other 300 men on death row. In fact Daniel Craven #V24333 who's been housed in Cell P-4103 for the past 2 years, was informed by Col. Lindsey and then Assistant Warden Faulk in August 2019, that they will never allow him from behind this steel door, as long as he's an Odinist. Which in and of itself is a Constitutional violation, trying to force someone to change their religion. Craven has shown positive adjustment with 24 months, two years of above satisfactory monthly reports. yet the administration will not loosen their grip. And get this, when he arrived on death row at Florida State Prison (FSP) in November 2018, he spent three days in regular death row housing, before Warden Barry V. Reddish seen him and arbitrarily and capriciously without any cause placed him on heightened security and put him behind a steel door. Warden Reddish is one of the most unethical men I've ever run across. He's still got an open homicide investigation for the death of Frank Smith here at UCI when he

was Warden from June 2009 - Oct 2012. He had me personally assaulted twice in May of 2012 for writing about him and the abuse that was taking place here. Google Warden Barry V. Reddish of UCI and you'll see the open homicide investigation. Which is how in 2020, I assisted in stopping Regional Director John Palmer from promoting Barry V. Reddish to Assistant Regional Director. But the bottom line is this, these men who are being kept behind the door, who haven't committed a crime any worse, than the other 300 men here, needs one of two things, cut loose, or be reviewed from an outside independent source. Because lets face it, this administration is anything but a neutral source! And if what staff is saying is true about Ghosting the Roster, well we will know this Administration is filled with criminals who are violating the law. We need your help. And these inmates who are behind these doors, really need your help! Come back here on this wing, feel this heat and interview these men.

You've got guys back here on D.C. doing 60 days of solitary confinement, cut off from their emails and phone call with family, and having to do over 30 days before they can get recreation, sunshine Vitamin and Fresh air. If you view 33-601.830 (7)(l) & we do not issue our recreation back here unless authorized by the ICT, (Institutional Classification Team) Recreation is a major problem here, and on the regular wings. But back to this disciplinary confinement. Guys are placed in these cages for failing a drug test. The Administration gives them 60 days, yet does nothing to treat these men, give them counseling and drug treatment. No they would rather throw them in a cage and mentally mess them up, more than their already messed up! "The rule even states under 33-601.308 (4)(L) "Disciplinary confinement shall only be utilized as a last resort." These men should not have been sentenced to D.C. They should have been sentenced to drug treatment

and counseling!" I've seen this abuse of power and authority play out time and time again. But it's a result of poor management. Placing people in leadership positions who have zero leadership qualities!" And that's not just my opinion the officers, specifically want Col Jeffery Lindsey gone, as does the entire inmate population!"

I can continue on for several more pages, because we've got so many issues that need to be addressed. 1) The heat. 2) over use of solitary/disciplinary confinement which is costing the tax payers thousands of dollars per disciplinary report. 3) We're entitled to 6 hours a week of recreation which we're not getting. And this is a health, safety and psychological issue. 4) our grievance system is broke. We've got grievances that don't get returned, and a review committee who rubber stamps appeals. A system that again cost thousands of dollars because it's run incompetently. 5,) We've got toilets that over flow, spilling raw sewage, human turds from another man into your cell or to your floor. And you have to clean it up! 6.) We also have holes in the back wall, like this cell here I'm housed in 4101, has molded toilet paper stuffed in the hole in the back wall to seal it.

And these are just a few of the issues that we need your help on. I'd be glad to talk with any of y'all in person, on the phone or on zoom. We need change for us inmates and the officer's. We need serious reform, which will come from overhauling these prison administrators who have been climbing the ranks through cronyism. I'm sorry about the lengthy, but there's so much that needs to be addressed. I thank you for your time and hopefully your help. God bless you.

Sincerely Ronald W. Clardy #812974

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