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I'm currently 16 days into this hunger strike where I'm protesting the retaliation over my writings about Regional Director John Palmer and a Lt Christian Carter who has currently resigned over the incident I was writing about. Where he brought a known prostitute back to an FDOC rented hotel room during the 2021 Fallen officer memorial ceremony where he was representing UCI. He paid her with his prescription drugs. Several days later she was found dead in the hotel room. The FDOC and Leon County sheriff's Dept has been able to keep this story quiet and out of the media. Now I had been told John Palmer was trying to keep it quiet and after it all blows over would allow Christian Carter to return to the FDOC. Word is he used his influence with the local sheriff's Dept to cover up a DUI for former Regional Director E. Hummel. And if your not familiar with Mr Palmer, he come up under James V. Crosby Jr. and Allen Clark two of the most corrupt FDOC officials to ever work in this Dept. These two men were forced out of the FDOC in 2005-06 when Crosby was the top law enforcement officer in the state of Florida and was sent to Federal prison. Mr Palmer had strong ties to these men. In 2004 they gave him an illegal promotion where they promoted Mr Palmer from Lt to Captain to Major in 21 days. Mr Palmer was also part of the FDOC's infamous softball league where they were all jacked up on steroids. They were also paying salaries to professional athletes to come in and play on this softball team. Where the athletes were getting FDOC checks but were not required to actually work. If nothing else Mr Palmer was complicit with this and the other illegal activities. Within two years Mr Palmer went from an administrative Lt at FSP to assistant warden at UCI to James V. Crosby Jr. right hand man in Tallahassee where he was the Senior management analyst. Mr Palmer's salary more than doubled in this two year period going from \$35,038 to \$79,768. Which is unheard of! When Crosby was forced to resign by Governor Bush on February 10,2006 from Secretary of the FDOC. He was soon after arrested for his illegal activities. For which he plead guilty on July 5,2006. As did Allen Clark. Mr Palmer was demoted from his senior management analyst job and sent back to FSP as assistant warden. He not only witnessed the cronyism, he participated in it. His promotions and salary shows this. He knew this was against all rules, regulations, and state law yet he excepted all the illegal proceeds from the Florida tax payers. The man was more than complicit he was culpable by not reporting the illegal activities that was taking place in his presence. For at a minimum he was an accessory. For he was a sworn FDOC law enforcement officer who was sworn to uphold the constitution and the laws of this state. So to blatantly turn a blind eye and deaf ear to the illegal promotion's and proceeds that your receiving, and witnessing others receive doesn't bode well for your credibility as a top law enforcement officer. In fact it disgraces the badge you are wearing. Which is why to this day most officer do not respect this man. And the same cronyism that took place under James V Crosby Jr. is now taking place under Mr Palmer. Where he's putting his favorites in certain post and allowing them to remain there. When I wrote a piece in June 2021 called " REMEMBER WHERE YOU COME FROM" I allowed the officers to read it. They were shocked by my stupidity to write about this.

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They said, "Your playing with fire he is high enough up that he can have you hurt and not get his hands dirty." I sent an email out to numerous friends on June 5, just to document that. I then wrote about Christian Carter and the dead woman in his hotel on June 26th called "Hush Hush keep it on the down low." And second piece on July 7th called "The Cover up." The very next day I was set up with a disciplinary report for placing 7 cans of tobacco in my laundry bag. A minor DR that they used to suspend my visit's for 6 month's and deny my marriage which had already been approved. And the evidence that this retaliation went all the way up to the Secretary's office, is by how the grievance was handled. My DR hearing was handled by Mr Charles S. Minta who was the DR chairman who refused to listen to the evidence and apply law and logic to the situation and found me guilty. I then file my DR appeal in grievance log#2107-213-154. Mr Charles S. Minta then responds to this grievance which is against him and his erroneous ruling. Which is not permitted. See 33-601.306(1) A person SHALL NOT serve as the hearing officer or as a member of the disciplinary team, or participate in the deliberations when they are:

(a) A witness or person who wrote the charge.

(b) The investigating officer. or

(c) THE PERSON CHARGED WITH REVIEW OF THE RESULTS OF THE DISCIPLINARY HEARING.

Well Mr Charles S. Minta is the DR chairman and now reviewing the results of his erroneous decision and findings. I then file my appeal to Tallahassee where Secretary Mark Inch's representative W. Millette ignores all the facts. And only addresses one issue in grievance appeal log# 21-6-24106 which states

"Your administrative appeal has been reviewed and evaluated. The response you received at the institutional level has been reviewed and is found to approximately address the concerns that you raised at the institutional level as well as the Central Office level.

Chapter 33 does not prohibit a DR hearing team member from responding to a grievance related to the DR."

Your administrative appeal is denied.

signed by W. Millette 8/25/21

As we seen 33-601.306 (1)(c) The person charged with reviewing the results of the disciplinary hearing can't be the person who rendered the results. This retaliation went from UCI all the way up into Secretary Mark Inch's office. Because if they weren't complicit they would have corrected it and applied the law which states in Kresbach v. State of Florida, 462 So. 2d 62 (Fla 1st D.C.A. 1984) "TO PROVE CONSTRUCTIVE POSSESSION THE BURDEN IS ON THE STATE TO SHOW THAT THE DEFENDANT KNEW OF THE PRESENCE OF CONTRABAND IN THE CONTAINER AND HAD THE ABILITY TO MAINTAIN CONTROL THEREOF." Well there was no evidence showing that 7 cans of tobacco was in my laundry bag when it left my cell. And the most compelling evidence is I'm in a cell and there's no way for me to maintain control of that laundry bag when it leaves this cell. A law and commonsense application for which all of them are refusing to apply. And this retaliation is harming not only me, but my mother as well.

So I was forced into this hunger strike to bring attention to this retaliation and try to correct this injustice of the retaliatory DR and erroneous grievance handling. Because clearly this was all outside the rules and regulations of the FDOC and Florida law. But as I've said many times this is The Florida Dept of CORRUPTION!

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