

"Things never stop going wrong. Life isn't about waiting for peace to arrive, it's about learning to thrive in the midst of war."
- Karen Marie Moning, 'Leversong'

Dear Readers,

Sat. 02-05-22

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Howdy! I'm currently back in Club 89, locked in my cell yet again, (this time not due to COVID), as Sylvester sings "Dance (Disco Heat)" on C3PO.

I've got a lot to catch up on.

I left y'all with a major cliffhanger last time (will he get out of the quarantine unit or won't he?). I know it was really exciting for all of you (ha/ha). Obviously I did make it out, but it was close.

For the record, they brought the phone around for the bottom tier in the quarantine unit on that Tues. (1/18) and for the top tier on Thurs. the 20th - the same day that was supposed to be our last day in quarantine.

That morning, the 20th, the guys in my cell were retested for COVID. A couple of hours later, some guys, who I think is the Counselor came by the unit. He looked at the sign on our door, then at his watch, and walked off with his clipboard. I thought that we might not get out till Fri., the 21st, after we were

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cleared. However, a short time after he passed us, Devin - who was in the cell next to us - called through the vent and asked if we were packing out 'cause he + his cellie had been told to. WTF?

I saw the Counselor still walking around and banged on the door to get his attention. I explained the situation and he said that we weren't on his list, but he would check with Medical to see if we were cleared and he'd try to get us out of there.

Fortunately, when our regular Case Manager came to get everyone, he included us. I think there were 11 of us who left, including a few guys from other units. Also in my favor, Devin and I were able to get back our old cell and everything appeared to be in order - except that all our toilet paper was missing (we suspect an asshole CO shook down our cell + took it all for no reason).

When we got back to the unit, some guys were out of their cells taking showers so we were able to take our second shower that week. That was the last shower we got until the following Monday. Crazy. And as I've previously mentioned, I'm pretty sure that's against BOP policy.

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Tues. 02/08/22 5:10p

Hey y'all. I'm currently jammin' to Britney Spears singing "... Baby One More Time" on (380) and still locked down, but not for the original reason - neither of which is due to COVID - but I'll get to that in due time. < Foreshadowing >

I left off at Mon. 1/24 when we were still under lockdown/quarantine due to COVID. The next day, we were thankfully let out of our cells and were able to hang out in the unit, as the unit quarantine was over. At this time we were only let out during the day and were locked down at 3:30p for "Count" until the next day. It wasn't as good as before the lockdown, (full lockdown), but it was better than being locked in a cell all day.

I mentioned last time that we got trays for breakfast and lunch beginning on Wed. the 19th and a box for dinner. This continued until Sun. (? I think), the 30th. At that time we were actually let out in the evening too again and we started picking up our meals outside the Chow Hall + bringing them back, whereas before they brought food carts to the unit.

I also mentioned that D-South was the first unit to be locked down with positive cases. At some point - I think it was the week of the 24th - they had another positive case and were locked back in their cells again.

However... the AM Kitchen guys in D/N were being let out to work in the Kitchen and they have continued to work those same long, awful days that we worked for a short time all these weeks. Now, I have no desire to work there (I only got the job so I could stay in this unit), but it makes no sense that they're forcing them to work 15-hour days while the PM Kitchen workers are just sitting in the unit.

At some point - possibly the 30th or 31st - they did put out a list of ten guys from the PM Kitchen workers who were supposed to start working on the 1st of Feb., but that never happened (I'll get to that). Thank goodness I was not on that list (but it's irrelevant anyway).

Before I go any further, I need to back up to Thurs. 1/27 and mention something else that happened. OH! I also haven't mentioned that on Wed. the 26th, someone was moving cells & left a plant they didn't want by the trashcan & I was able to snag it! Yeh! It's the first plant I've had in over 17 years and I am so happy to have it! It's an "airplane" plant (some people call it a "spider" plant) which someone got by taking a shoot off ~~a~~ a plant somewhere else (I think there's one at Rec). I SO hope I get to keep it for a while.

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Fri. 02/11/22 2:17p

Howdy! I'm back to work in the freakin' Kitchen. Ugh. We were let out of our cells on Wed. and it looks like they're trying to get back to the previous "moderated lockdown" schedule we were on before this latest wave of COVID lockdowns.

But... I want to return to where I left off.

On Thurs., 01/27, our new unit manager, Ms. Carmona, put out a notice about how she is going to be doing unit inspections, during our COVID lockdown/quarantine, with a list of what she expects.

This list includes: no laundry lines (for drying clothes), nothing in the windows (i.e. setting something on the outside windowsill), no plants, nothing under your beds, etc., etc. - oh - no more than 5 books per person.

The very next day, on Friday, the counselor and the case manager went through every cell on the bottom tier and just tore their cells apart. Now, this wasn't about contraband, this was about small, comfort stuff which we have. It was pure harassment.

Let me point out some of this BS. Regarding laundry lines: we only get 4 changes of clothes from Laundry (I have more 'cause I bought more on the black market), and they only wash clothes twice per week, normally. (However, the past two weeks they've

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only washed them once per week.) In my unit, they wash clothes Mon. + Thurs. So, ~~on~~ on a normal week, you'd be wearing one set of clothes on Thurs., then you'd have 3 changes of clothes for Fri-Sun., and then nothing. You either have to wear dirty clothes or wash something yourself.

Also... when you send white clothes (t-shirts, boxers) to Laundry, they start to turn tan or brown (eventually) because Laundry doesn't use detergent - they only use some kind of disinfectant.

This all boils down to, if you want clean clothes - especially during this COVID lockdown - you have to wash them yourself. Hence, clotheslines.

Although cell inspections during a normal time period are pointless and dehumanizing ~~and~~ while not on a COVID lockdown/quarantine, what the hell is this sadistic bitch Carmona insisting on cell inspections while we've been under this COVID quarantine for almost two years now? We are living under the worst conditions of any prisoners in modern time due to COVID, and Carmona wants to harass us with cell inspections and trashing our cells after/during a COVID lockdown! What. The. Fuck.

I could keep going about this but it would take pages. I invite any comments or questions. But

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If you agree that this action by Carmona is what it really is - harassment, then please complain about Carmona to your Congressmembers. We've been mostly locked in our units for two years and we do not deserve to be harassed over petty BS. Please do not post a link to my blog or I will be retaliated against.

Slowin on ... on Sun. the 28th we started going to Chow to pick up our meals, including dinner. They even put out a schedule for Education (much shortened), and it looked like they were trying to get back to our old schedule.

But ... on Mon. the 29th at around 8 pm, we were all told to lock down in our cells. Thus began a new national lockdown 'cause some MS13 gang members in Texas supposedly killed a couple of guys (inmates?). You could Google all this, but that's what I heard.

But ... according to Inmate.com, that national lockdown ended and ours continued until this past Wed. because the po-pos were literally dragging an inmate down the stairs from D-South, and an inmate in C-South, using his illegal camera, taped it and posted it on Pk-Pk (up?).

I have no idea if this is true and no outside help to look stuff up. If someone can verify this + let me know, I'd be grateful. If it is true - please

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protest! Don't let them get away with this crap!

This past Thurs. + Fri., they shook down C/S + D-North (I don't know why D/N). They went into C/S with riot gear on, threw inmates to the floor with "cell extractions" and put them in zip-tie cuffs even before they searched their cell! I was told that 14 to 17 guys from C/S alone were taken to the Hole.

Supposedly they also shook down some of the A+B units and possibly others. But their tactics were inhumane and completely unnecessary.

Mon. 02/14/22 2:36p

Howdy... back at work. I just wanted to wrap up a couple things before I finish.

And... Happy Valentine's Day!

We got a new warden recently and it appears that he is going to be another asshole. He posted a memo about cell inspections (enclosed) which he is bringing back while we are still on this COVID lockdown/quarantine - just like Carmona.

Considering we've been locked in our units for two years and there is no foreseeable end in sight, we should not be harassed by petty BS such as this. Please complain about this!

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Also, we are finally going to be able to go to Commissary this Wed. (16th) for the first time since Jan. 5th! The commissary staff refused to work by themselves and they wouldn't bring in the inmate workers even when we were off quarantine.

What's even worse is that kitchen workers shop separately from the rest of the unit, so the other guys in my unit haven't gone since Dec. 29th, 2021!
Insane!

Everyone is out of coffee and I'm sure plenty of guys have run out of hygiene items, OTC medications, or stamps (I have one stamp left). There has been no reason for the way they're treating us and now they want to harass us with cell inspections! Please help put a stop to some of this!

Until next time, I wish you...

Love & Blessings,



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PEX INMATE BULLETIN BOARD

SUBJECT: Unit Sanitation

EFFECTIVE: Immediately

This memorandum is generated as notification to the inmate population concerning Housing Unit Sanitation at Federal Correctional Complex, Petersburg Virginia.

- All inmate personal property will be in accordance with Program Statement 5580.08, Inmate Personal Property and is to be kept in their respective lockers. Shoes will be lined up underneath the bed. Any personal property not properly stored will be considered excess and subject to confiscation. Only items allowable on the locker top will be one (1) religious book, and one (1) alarm clock. Only one (1) coat, one (1) khaki shirt /pants and one (1) dirty laundry bag will be allowed to be hung up on approved hooks.
- Beds will be made by 8:00 am, Monday through Friday until the completion of the 4:00 pm count.
- Cell sanitation is to be maintained at a high standard at all times; specifically, the front and back cell windows, nothing on the tables, under beds, clotheslines, missing vent cover etc.
- Food Service items will not be retained in cells.
- At no time will any gang related or sexually explicit subject matter be permitted on walls or cork boards, under beds, door magnets, etc. No items will be authorized on cell walls other than on a cork board and the approved hooks.
- No cleaning supplies will be authorized for retention in the cell regardless of work assignment such as Unit Orderly.
- Unit Inspections will be conducted anytime Monday through Friday 8:00 am – 4:00 pm.



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