

* Let me start this post by thanking the two state employees for helping me get this and all posts after 12/22/23 posted. Once it was known that I had my blog and that the facility was stopping me from sending any more posts out illegally, I was told by two staff that they would get the posts out for me. As I have said, the facility will NOT silence me or continue to violate my 1st Amendment Right. This facility's worst mistake was/is to continually violate both my State and Federal Rights. Well, besides holding me hostage here for over 15 years,

PLEASE NOTE EVERYONE: If my posts ever stop it is due to the facility having violated my rights further by interfering with my mail, phone and/or interactions by placing illegal restrictions on one or all of them. If this happens please contact any and all of the people listed in my past posts containing the name, title and phone #'s of facility staff and NYS OMH Administration to complain.

Oh, on 12/18/23:

1.) I sent out a letter to Charlie Detar that said in part:
"Please write me to let me know if you get this. Ignore the blank paper, it is there because I wanted it to look like documents were in the envelope. I'll send the documents if you get this. The purpose of this letter is to see if the facility is going to continue to violate my rights here and my first Amendment Right."

Then further down the page:

"To: Any STARC-Oakview staff who open this,
If you have opened this and/or refused to mail this out you are in violation of Federal and State Law. You are also violating my Resident Rights and my 1st Amendment Right. You will be reported to the Postal Inspector, Law Enforcement and my attorney.
YOU HAVE BEEN PUT ON NOTICE"

Then later in the day I got the letter back unopened with a note from RC2 Courtney Stern on it saying: "You've already been spoken to about this."

I'd really like to know where she got her information from because NOONE has come to speak with me about my mail.

2.) I spoke with Kenneth Paparella, Executive Consultant about:
a.) Strip searches and how illegal/excessive they are/were,

b) how there are no STARC policies, procedures, practices, rules or rule book posted on any ward,

c) how my mail is illegally being stopped from going out with no explanation from anyone, even after having wrote multiple letters/complaints since 12/11/23,

He seemed to have listened and acted as though he was going to look into all I said. He ended the meeting saying that if no one came to see me soon that I should write him and he would come up with someone to talk to me. I guess we'll see what happens.

Then on 12/19/23 I had a conversation with RC2 Stern about the pictures of my family that got here on 11/28/23, asking why no one has told me yet why I can't write Charlie DeTar, about phone #'s not being on my phone yet and a few other things. She said that she'd look into it.

Then on 12/20/23 I got news that my Great Uncle died. I started the process to go to his funeral by signing releases for the facility to contact the Funeral home and family members.

Then on 12/31/23 I received a replie from Danielle Tope, Executive Director to my appeals. *She combined 5 appeals into one* It said in part:

"I received your appeals regarding the investigation conducted by STARC's Risk Management Department into various concerns. Your complaints and claims were thoroughly investigated, and I have reviewed and considered the entirety of your concerns. For your convience, I have listed the responses to your appeals below:

1)- Residents are permitted to request policies via FOIL. Once all policies are published, residents will have access to a policy handbook on ward.

2)- We acknowledge that by nature, room searches may be disruptive and frustrating to residents. As such, every effort is made to leave the resident's room in an organized and appropriate manner, including having items placed appropriately and neatly on a resident's bed and/or desk area. Given the amount of property residents possess, it is not always feasible to expect staff to arrange property exactly how it was when they entered the room. In viewing the photographs from the date in question, it appears that

Staff left your room in an appropriate manner.

3.)- Regarding your report that the BOSS chair should have been utilized in place of strip searches, the BOSS chair is one tool that is available to STARC staff, but there are a range of tools we must rely on to assist with providing the safest and most secure environment.

4.)- I concur with Risk Management's findings that adding room searches into your ISP will not be revisited or eliminated at this time. You have been found in possession of contraband, including being found, in the most recent room search, to be in possession of altered wires and Cell phone charger.

5.)- Development and issuing of losses of privilege are a collaborative effort between multiple members of the Treatment Team. As such, it is appropriate and acceptable that your unit Rehabilitation Counselor prepared a loss of privilege. Following the recommendation and preparation of the loss of privilege, administrative staff conduct a review of each LOP prior to the issuance. The 28 day LOP you reference was a logical and clinically consistent decision of your team."

* Please Note:

1.) This shows that even though this place became STARC on 4/22/21 there are no policies, procedures, practices, rules or rule book. It also shows that the facility is forcing residents to buy policies, procedures, practices, rules when they are supposed to supply copies to each ward to review.

2.) As you can see by past posts/pictures my room is left in disarray. How is that per facility policy?

3.) They agree that the BOSS chair is a tool available to STARC staff but never used it or a hand wand. Why not use the less intrusive process when looking for a item containing metal?

4.) To date I still have not been provided with photos of the supposed altered wires/phone charger so can't combat what they claim. I've requested photos of items multiple times.

5.) This didn't even respond to my actual complaint/objection. The crazy thing is, after I filed this complaint/objection the facility changed the section of the LOP form I complained about. (Please see the attached LOP, I highlighted the section complained about, (please see page 6)). How is that legal?

Then on 12/22/23 the following happened:

1.) I was made to sign more releases for family members concerning going to my Great Uncle's funeral.

2.) (Later in the day) I was met by Elaine Vuong, Rafael Cordero and Courtney Stern. They informed me that I would not be allowed to go to my Great Uncle's funeral. When I asked why I was told to write Risk Management for an answer. They were supposed to also meet with me about my family pictures, me writing Charlie DeTar, phone #'s being put on my phone list, a book I got and releases I signed. They did not speak about any of it even after I asked about it all.

Then on 12/26/23 I:

1.) wrote Risk Management two complaints. They said:

a.) Under "Nature of concern":

"On 12/22/23 I was informed that I could not go to my Great Uncle's funeral and that if I wanted an explanation why I had to write Risk Management, I now write as I was told.

Under "Suggested solution to concern":

"I be told why I could not go to the funeral and the name of everyone involved".

b.) Under "Nature of concern":

"On 12/22/23 at approx. 5pm SOTA Vincent Santa Maria cursed at me in the 405 dayroom. When I confronted him about this he became verbally aggressive/belittling. As his behavior triggered me, I said things back. Then at one point he started to "shoo" me out the dayroom with his hand as if I was a dog. I again confronted him on this and that is when he put himself less than an arm length from me and would not back up after multiple statements from me for him to do so. SOTA Santa Maria totally disregarded my ICPP and intentionally made the situation worse with his actions. Then later while I was on the phone he

Kept staring at me until I said "do you have a problem". Again, his actions were to try to cause a problem."

Under "Suggested solution to concern":

- That SCTA Santa Maria be re-trained on how to de-escalate NOT instigate issues,
- That SCTA Santa Maria be disciplined accordingly,
- That any negative consequences stemming from this incident be removed from me."

2.) Sent 5 Appeals to Mark Cederbaum, Director, Bureau of Institutional Sex Offender Treatment for the 5 replies I got from Danielle Tope on 12/21/23. They all said in part under "Please provide the reason for your appeal":

"Answer is not a proper reply. Please review original objection and subsequent replies/appeals"

* This is in reply to Andromeda's (Reply ID - niip) *

Thank you for all you have done to help Between the Bars with my posts and for all you wrote. I greatly appreciate it all. I hope my posts (Present/Future) are informative to you and that you'll share all I said/say with others. Thank you again for everything.