

APPEASING AN APPETITE OF PUNISHMENT TO DEATH

In a dark 400 sq. ft. prison cell/pod with eight prisoners packed in behind the locks, at 10 minutes into 21 July 2025 the specter of Death impervious to locks slipped through the darkness to seize the soul of 73yr old prisoner Otton C..

Although locked-up like a dangerous animal Otton was a harmless old man needing the aid of a walker to navigate the prison, like so many other geriatrics waiting for their ignoble death in the prison night.

Otton's 63yr old buddy David N... shared, with tears in his convict eyes, "Otton was not well he was always in the hospital with heart problems, when he wasn't suffering the harsh prison environment of bullying prisoners and staff."

Otton's death is not the exception, but the rule, of benign old men being punished to death. For years academia, forensic psychologists, legislators, courts and penological experts have agreed and advised geriatric prisoners are benign, least likely to recidivate and most expensive to incarcerate. Humane laws are in-place for Elderly Parole, Compassion Release and electronic monitoring for remote confinement. Otton had a loving wife, son and home where he could have been humanely monitored.

However, California Dept. of Corrections and Rehabilitation (CDCR) refuses to use humane options for the aged using the more brutal and costly appetite of punishing to death.

As dead geriatric prisoners find release in body bags a cruel and perverse punishment bonus takes place: all other old diaper wearing, walker/wheelchair jockeys are reminded their number is one closer.

An insensitive course of action is always the same: pitiless guards and staff drag the body out to be bagged, an inventory is made of the dead geriatric's meager property and his bunk is readied for the next offering to the Specter of Death. In a death no guardian of the public trust is concerned over the PTSD/traumatized surviving elderly.

Although we are in the 21st century, 400 years ago Shakespeare could have well defined CDCR's penological logic:

"O judgement! thou art fled to brutish beasts,
And men have lost their reason."

Beyond draconian punishment to death, the California Legislative Analyst Office reported in 2010, housing geriatric prisoners is 2 to 3 times more expensive than younger ones at \$134K per year. Calculating at 2½ times it costs taxpayers \$282K per year for each harmless walker/wheelchair jockey; "And men have lost their reason."

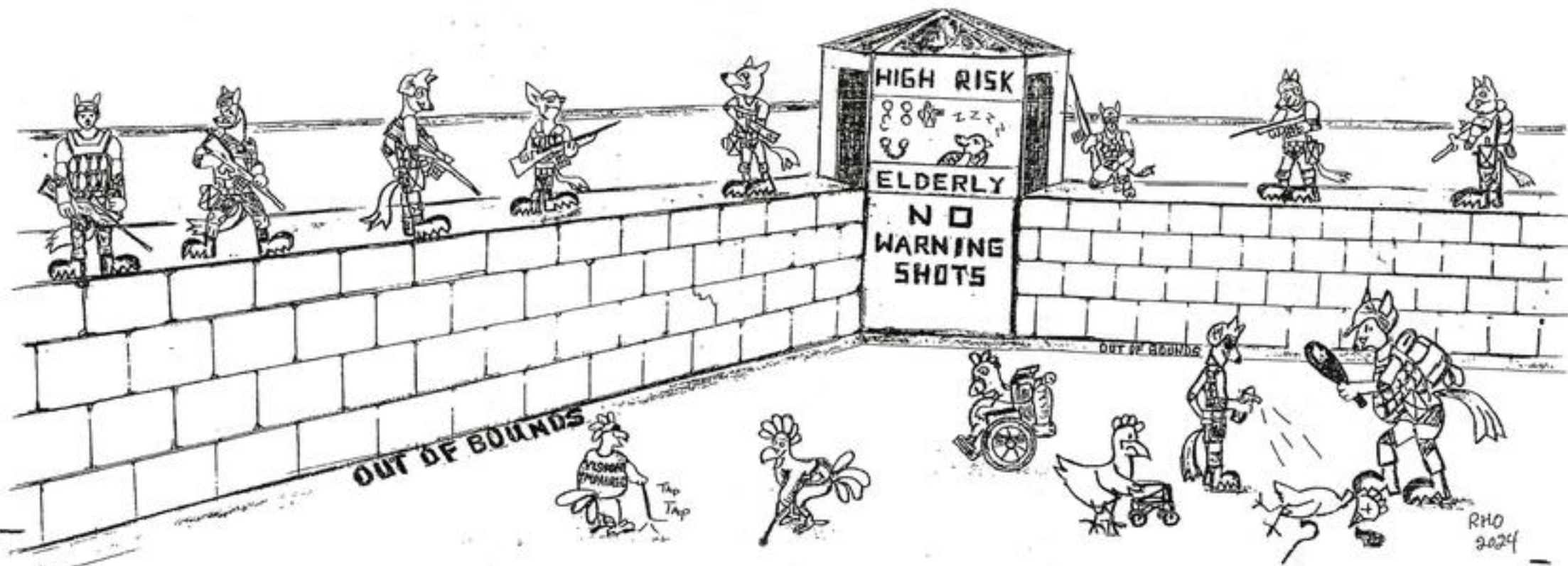
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