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"BEYOND BELIEF "

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Today August 31, 2026 at approximately 1:24 PM while at day room, I'm getting ready to use the phone, I see an unidentified Hispanic Correctional Officer, who walks up to the catwalk door on 5 Right bottom, South side of P dorm death row housing, he knocks on the catwalk door, the Dayroom Officer, CO Johnson, walks down, opens the door, believing he's about to be relieved for a bathroom or canteen break, the Hispanic CO asks for CO Johnson's Pepper Ball Gun, (which is nothing more than a converted paintball gun, that shoots round pellet balls that are filled with a chemical agent, rather than paint) CO Johnson hands the gun to the Hispanic CO, who shakes it up, cracking balls, which causes the balls to leak this chemical agent, exposing not just us inmates, but the officers on the wing, the Hispanic CO immediately hands the gun back to CO Johnson, and shuts the door. Inmate D. Smith is on the other phone, already engaged in a phone conversation, documented on camera, and by GTL phone services, that recorded that call, he begins coughing, and immediately hangs up and proceeds to the back of the wing, Smith had no idea of what I had just witnessed, since he was facing towards the back of the wing, and still doesn't know as far as I know. Because I don't talk to inmate Smith. But its documented on his recorded phone call, of him coughing, as well as the knock on the catwalk door, and the door slamming!

Now had another inmate told me, what I'm telling you, I would have said, come on, that's bs! Had I not seen that stupidity with my own eyes, I would have never believed it!! I immediately called my wife and informed her of what I had just witnessed, which is again documented on GTL's services, my wife sent an email to the Assist Warden, I also spoke with P-Dorms Administrative Sgt about this at approximately 2:00 pm, when he was walking through the catwalk to go outside.

Understand, this wasn't even the first time today that we had experienced these chemicals leaking to where we were coughing gaging etc. Earlier this same morning at maybe 10:00 am we had experienced this same burning sensation of this chemical agent in our nose and eyes. I stepped out of the day room, and asked the officer if someone had gotten shot? He said, "I haven't heard anything." A few minutes later we learned that the gun, that CO Bryant had over on 6- Left Bottom, was the cause of this. It would be pure speculation on my part to say that, that is due to what I witnessed at 1:24 pm where the CO intentionally shook the gun to cause the chemicals to leak. All I know for sure, is this is what I witnessed with my own eyes, and that we've had to deal with this on numerous other occasions. This is abusive 8th Amendment Violations that shouldn't be permitted. But when you have poor leadership as we have here at UCI, and Sgt's inside this building conducting themselves outside the guidelines of 33-208.002 Rules of Conduct, you can only expect the CO's to follow suit with unprofessional abusive conduct. I encourage you to contact Inspector General Kenneth Sumpter and call for him to take action in accordance with Florida Statute 944.31 the law that governs him and requires him to take action over this type of violation. Thank you for your time and help.

Sincerely Ronald Wayne Clark Jr. #812974