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Greg Williams
Administrator

Dear Mr Williams,

Thank you for your letter dated August 10, 2012, it reached me August 25. It's true that my husband Jerry Hamilton, 91102 began showering shortly after I wrote a letter to Governor Fallin in May this year. It is also true that he'd not showered or left his cell except for official purposes for over a year up to that point because of intimidation by certain staff members. Shortly after I'd written to Governor Fallin, unit manager Barlow transferred to another facility, only then did Jerry begin to shower. Unfortunately, the threat of retaliation he'd strived to avoid was realized two weeks later when he received injuries whilst being manhandled by officers taking him to administrative segregation having been accused of ignoring a direct order. These charges were later suspended and mercifully he has since passed the time penalty when punishment in the form of lost credits could be implemented. However, what happened will stay in his prison records for consideration at future parole hearings. I recently brought the incident once again to the attention of Governor Fallin I sent her documentation to prove that Jerry was beaten by the escorting officer a fact you denied in your letter to me dated June 27, 2012.

Two weeks ago I received a letter from Jerry describing how he'd been startled in his cell by a camera flashlight. He glanced up to see an officer photographing the small sign he keeps in his cell door window. The sign states he would like to shower, but does not want to go to the exercise cages. I take it that this is what you are referring to when you say that facility records clearly state he refuses recreation on a regular basis? It's a sad state of affairs when so little is known by prison staff about him that he has to display such a notice. Isn't anyone concerned that he's only been in the fresh air and sunlight approximately a dozen times since his transfer to DCF in 2008?

He's been under the jurisdiction of the ODOC for over three decades. In October he'll be 60 and will have served twelve thousand consecutive days (12,000) amounting to almost 33 years in prison since 1980. Of these twelve thousand (12,000) days, he's spent nine thousand (9,000) confined to a cell almost continuously. He is not a murderer, rapist or child molester. He has caused no actual physical harm to anyone in his life, why hasn't he been afforded an override to medium security and an opportunity to progress? Others who have raped and murdered have been allowed to do so. After all these years it's obvious he is not an escape risk or a threat to security. He hasn't been able to improve his situation despite keeping a clean record against all the odds for many years; that is until his transfer to DCF.

Jerry is serving his final sentence, if left in peace he's due to discharge in 2015. He has a scheduled parole hearing in March 2014, if granted relief he could be released sooner. Either way he doesn't have many months left to serve.

Retired unit manager Eddie Morgan made a personal appearance at Jerry's commutation hearing in 2010. He verified that Jerry did not kidnap officer Johnny Williams, Eddie's cousin, during the incident that took place in the F Cell House, OSP in December 1985. The final sentence Jerry is now serving is for this 1985 "kidnapping". Eddie was one of three officers seriously injured during the riot that happened on A and C units that same evening in 85, yet in 2010 he gave Jerry his full support.

Tagged as a ringleader of that riot, Jerry was sent to Texas in 1988. The ODOC Director at that time sent him a letter letting him know it was for the best so that he could make in new start for himself and prepare for his future release. In reality he was deliberately lost in the Texas system for 15 years.

You state that Jerry has adjusted to DCF. Well he has had twelve thousand days (12,000) of experience to adjust to all aspect of prison. It's this experience that helps him know when to shower, when not to shower, when to accept recreation, when not to accept recreation. It's not foolproof as we've seen but he does his best to help himself stay safe.

I have had many concerns for my husband since knowing him these last ten years. I would love to develop a relationship with Ms Grizzle or any of the many case managers he's had, unfortunately my experience of telephoning DCF has been frustrating. Lots of times I have failed to speak with anyone who could help me with my inquiries. I am not complaining, I am simply stating my experience. I've had to resort on at least two occasions to sending emails to the Warden and Associate Warden Jimmy Martin to make them aware that staff seemed oblivious to the fact that Jerry hadn't eaten anything for 28 days. This was his vain protest at not having received medical attention for an excruciating gallbladder attack brought on after a previous hunger strike of 12 days when he'd been locked in administrative segregation for weeks for trying to get help to his cell partner who was having a heart attack. Gerald Bell died not long afterwards. We only found out at a later date that sudden extreme weight loss can cause gallbladder problems.

Perhaps if I were successful in developing a relationship with Ms Grizzle, I could persuade her to recommend that Jerry be considered for an override and transfer to OSR? This would be obvious preparation toward reintegration. How can he prepare mentally and physically for something as massive as his release after all these years of imprisonment when he is not allowed contact visits? Visiting for those in max at DCF is by video. We've not seen each other in person for over 4 year.

I would like to think that Governor Fallin, Senators and Representatives of Oklahoma, along with its citizens would support any move that will help my husband prepare for his future? Surely after twelve thousand days (12,000) he qualifies? Thank you for listening.

Sincerely,

Sharon Hamilton

CC Governor Mary Fallin, Senators and Representatives, Citizens of Oklahoma, Director