

. Talking with colleagues in other facilities, he learned that federal inmates in Brooklyn feasted on Cornish hen and prisoners in Minnesota got chicken wings on New Year's Day. # The guards weren't the only people in the facility who understood the irony of the situation. The inmates, Rojas said, were " eating like kings and then laughing at us. " # Others bragged about the filling meal in emails that were screened by prison personnel for safety reasons. Some were copied by employees and sent to Rojas. # " Ima end up fat i been eatin like a boss all week i just had steak, pie, chicken, potatoes, salad mac nd cheese rice all type of (things), " one wrote. " bro ibe workin out for (nothing) " # In a statement to NBC News, the Bureau of Prisons said holiday meals are " planned weeks in advance, including as happened here in advance of the government shutdown. " # The meals help " promote morale for the inmate population because they are separated from their families, " the bureau said. # Rojas remains miffed at the steak, but he says he's most concerned with the effects of a protracted government shutdown on employees who work in an already-dangerous job. In addition to an assortment of gang members and murderers, Coleman houses terrorists and a Somali pirate. It was also home to **29;836;TOOLONG Whitey Bulger before he died. # These criminals are being guarded by people " putting in 16 hours a day, " Rojas said, and many are picking up side jobs to be able to afford gas to make it to the prison facility. If they are tired or distracted, bad things will