

Peg Swan

was a bit of an urban legend around Mid-Western abolition and reform circles, elusive. Whispers of her echo through rec. yards and cell blocks. Depending on who you ask, they may tell you different stories about Peg Swan. They say no one is more connected on the inside, that she alone can do the work of one hundred. No matter who you ask, Peg Swan is dedicated to improving the lives of prisoners, one by one.

There is no rehabilitation, there is just not. These are human beings, number one, these are human beings, our brothers and sisters, that has gone. Once you start giving people the opportunity to actually get their needs met, you don’t have any crime. Most of these guys, minor crimes, petty crimes, you know? And they are getting years. Most people are doing it because they are not benefiting. Nothing in society, none of the rules benefit them. You are needed. You are needed.

I had my letters blocked from getting to one man and eventually they wouldn’t let anything of mine through. He said to me, “my only resistance is persistence” and that’s it ... that’s the whole philosophy ... we keep going ... I have to be, I want to be a grunt worker. I want to be an intake worker until I kick off, HA! Right now, I am an intake worker without any place to do the intake. I’m in way over my head, I just keep going. Persistence is the only resistance, that’s it.

—Peg Swan

It’s about the individual. I was a nurse’s aide when I worked. Why? Because I can see its need. I can see it helps. It’s love, this brings out love, me to them and them to me. It’s really embarrassing how much of a myth I’ve become. It’s not a secret, I’m not a secret, it’s open and free for everyone to see, it’s love. Your benefit is my benefit, your pain is my pain, you know? And that’s for everybody. We shut ourselves off to that, and I can’t.

We know, [mass incarceration] is totally corrupt; its message is corrupt. Punitive. “Prisoners are animals.” See, the whole prison system is founded on the myth that these are not human beings. For me, this is just an elegant form of slavery, you know? Like someone is less than human. The power is they have the rhetoric. We need independent oversight. Take PREA (Prison Rape Elimination Act) for example. There is no PREA, PREA is an absolute joke. Can’t even get their PREA complaints out of the prison. Everything is glossy, everything looks good. They learn how to make the rhetoric perfect. I think the basic mission was abandoned when they started to go for the money after the prison boom.

Fredrick Andrew Morris

My intro about confinement
My name is Fredrick Andrew Morris BKT Drew. I have been in confinement from county to prison since March 27 2013. You can look me up on the internet. They gave me 29 years, 20 in, 9 out for for battery to 2 C.O.’s. The judge in my case said I should not be allowed around people until I am re-incarcerated so really all the DOC is doing is following the judge’s orders. I have tried to rush my re-incarceration. On 7-9-18 I hung myself to end being alone. My family that is in WI has left my side because not only do I have a lot of time, but I can’t have contact visits, so as they see it I am dead. So I pushed for death. It was welcome in my time of pain. See, I will not lie, I say the CO’s abuse me they will say they fear me. I am working on my anger so I don’t hurt no one once they let me out of confinement. I have problems that I keep on the inside. Being that I got real bad trust issues it is like I can talk you will learn nothing about me. I am better if you ask me stuff then I can answer but I will tell you am 26, DOB 7-24-92 born Chicago, raised in Minneapolis. Sexual Orientation: heterosexual. Relationship status: single. Race: African American. Ht: 6’ Wt:185. Hair 3 foot locks. I don’t know what else to put so please if you want to get to know me please write.

Gregory Anders

Dear Ms. Swan,
First, my name is Gregory M. Anders and I used someone else’s name and # on the return address in an attempt to fly under the radar, as I believe they are tampering with my mail and wanted to make sure this got out. I obtained your info from another inmate who showed me some info that you recently sent regarding Wis. Stats, 940.285, and 940.29 (Abuse of individuals at risk; and abuse of residents of penal facilities, respectfully). There is another, 46.90 abuse of reporting system, which I have used to try to report abuse on the “outside” PREA... Line “888”. While they were not happy and threatened me with a conduct report if I called again, (had done 3x’s) I also informed them that the statute allowed me to report abuse and that under the same statute, was illegal for them to retaliate against me for pointing it out.
Somewhere, along with those statutes, states that if they can’t properly care for, they must release, which might be home monitoring but would still have access to better care. If you are aware of or can find it; would you please send me a copy. I had made a few attempts during the summer to find, but to no avail.
Recently, (Nov. of last year) I was informed by another inmate about DOC-2530 – Reasonable modification/accommodation request. Said it was from communitywisc? Filled out two different requests on 11-25-18. Wrote to H.S.U. to ask for copies since origical goes in medical file. They say they don’t have them. I have also written rites to the A.D.A. coordinator who has ignored my rites. She has threatened me in the past with a conduct report if I wrote to her anymore about my complaints. Have it in writing. It is also a violation under the A.D.A. I believe they are past the initial response time and filed an I.C.E. on it. (█████-2019-1553). They acknowledged it on 1-23-19, mind you, all that dies us help create a paper trail because they always try to sweep it under the rug.
One of those requests is for a safe accessible cell under the A.D.A. I am in a cell that was intended for, but that intention was corrupted by putting a top bunk in this cell. It does not have a second stand up locker for the other person, so stuff gets put all over, usually hindering my mobility. The desk is in the middle but regular cells have it against the window to avoid conflicts. Having someone at the desk compromises my mobility as well as my safety. In the past, someone fell out from taking something they shouldn’t have, and I could not get to the call button. My lungs almost gave out trying to call for help through a locked steel door when the day room was closed. Used my rescue inhaler repeatedly along with then using nebulizer to keep my lungs open. They did not see to my care after.
But most important, it compromises the safety of my lungs, health and life. Too many times, my lungs have been harmed. I have had 3 hospital stays. The last one at the end of Aug. 2018. I almost died prior, but also at the hospital I got the pulmonologist to write a note. The reason baby powder is on there because an inmate tried to harm me. I’m sending a copy to you because it says to keep me away from baby powder or any other inhalation irritants. And I keep getting people who use, and sometimes deliberately, inhalation irritants. I have written numerous complaints to H.S.U. Sometimes they only stay in here a day or a couple of weeks. However long they can get away with. The other inmates do not like it because it does not have accommodations for two. And they usually move them before they can file an I.C.E. FI they do file, they delay it by telling them to talk to the manager, who then moves them and avoids the I.C.E. In the meantime, I’m continually harmed. The second request is for safe transportation to mass, family visits, *** library, business office, property, **** and H.S.U. It is a half mile one way for first 5, almost that for next two, and almost one quarter mile to H.S.U. that distance to H.S.U. has caused problems in the past and has even caused the shutdown of the vestibule to administer care to me.
I have end stage COPD with less than 14% lung usage/capacity. My lungs can’t take the cold or heat/ humidity. I now have to miss catholic mass because they refuse to give me safe transportation. (Have that in writing too). Every week I file an I.C.E. I am also without basic care as they will not give me safe transportation to H.S.U. There are so many violations of A.D.A. and Wisconsin law. I’m also sending a copy of an H.S.R. which shows I have repeatedly complained about black mold in the showers. It is H.S.U.’s job to make sure that it gets taken care of because it is a health issue. It also causes health problems for all, but especially with my weak immune system. Would you please fax it to the state or federal department of health and human services, as well as the C.D.C.? (Center for Disease Control.)
According to the deputy warden., this place was last surveyed over 10 years ago by D.O.J. Said they passed. I don’t think they would pass now.
Anything you could do to help would be greatly appreciated and would help others also.
Sincerely,
Gregory Anders

(SMALL ON BACK OF MEDICAL SHEET)
I believe my life is in danger here and I am asking to please help save my life. Have also written to a detective ██████████ at ██████████ P.D. but still have not heard back. Also wrote to ██████████ at ███ Journal Sentinel who wrote about falsifying medical records, which the do here as well, but have not heard back from. Gregory M Anders

Dominic Cloyd

Being in prison is one of the worst experiences I have ever encountered. Maybe the worst. There have been a number of negatives I came across while in prison. First, the loss of my freedom. Being told what I can and cannot do, when to do it, what and when to eat, and when I can see and talk to my family. I have lost uncles, cousins, and friends since I have been incarcerated. It hurts because I can't be there to lay them to rest. Time, seeing my boys grow, teaching them how not to make the same mistakes I have. Everything. I feel like I lost everything.

I was taken into custody and sentenced to prison because I was in need of some cash and decided to take something from someone. They charged me with robbery. Biggest mistake of my life. I don't regret nothing I ever did, I just learned from it. And that lesson is you don't have to always do things the wrong way to get money. Hard work and dedication can make you successful. The things I plan to do to rehabilitate myself is cut out all the negativity and surround myself around people that is willing to help me evolve into a better man. Get another job and stay active so I won't have time for trouble. Thinking positive, doing positive things.

Paul Asik

Paul Asik 247346 [REDACTED] bd1976
Dear Mrs. Peg Swan,

My name is Paul Asik and I am currently incarcerated in [REDACTED] as I am sure you are aware by the envelope. I was told by numerous inmates that you help out those that need help. I actually got your info from [REDACTED] about a month ago and he told me that he would drop you my name in a letter to let you know I would be reaching out to you for any help that you can offer. I would first like to establish that I am not in anyway trying to do anything but ask for a little guidance and whatever assistance that you might be able to provide me. I know there are people out there that tend to try and take advantage of people but I am not one. I am just hoping that you may be able to provide me with information that can help me with the issues I've been having these past couple years. The problems I have been having is that the D.O.C. has been harassing me and setting me up. Now I know that you may hear that a lot and I just want to let you know in my instance it is very true and I need help. Its like this, A couple years back I was taken to segregation in [REDACTED] under investigation and when it became apparent I was not going to provide the information the capt. Was trying to get, he first attempted to force me into a cell to sleep on the floor and when I would not comply I was left in waist restraints and cuffed to a shower door for over seven hours until a new shift 1st came in and removed me. Now several incident reports were written and I filed numerous complaints that were just swept under the rug as I'm sure you know happens in the D.O.C. But there is a record of this to prove it happened. Now I wish it ended there but it did not. The harassment didn't end there. When I complained about the arm injury sustained during the incident the HSU did everything they could to skirt around giving me the proper treatment for the injury to avoid any accountability for it. I guess their stance was that if they ignore it and not get it diagnosed properly that 1 I can't prove an actual injury and 2 that it will eventually heal and I will not be able to provide it down the road. There are records to prove what I'm saying.

That isn't the end of it though. Then the very same capt. Continued his harassment because of the complaint by taking me to seg under investigations that I had nothing to do with just to let me out days later with no tickets. Then he resorted to threats by security to cooperate about the drug issues in Redgranite and when I didn't provide info on my friends and other inmates I was harassed then eventually and I am ashamed to admit this, I caved but the only way I would is if there was law enforcement involved, that my name would be kept confidential and that at the end I would be transferred closer to Milwaukee to be closer to my mother who's health has been failing. So as I waited for an official law enforcement agent to appear they come up with a better plan. I have no idea who this guy actually was but I met with a guy who claimed to be a Department of Justice agent and I completely opened up to him. He made numerous promises to me. The biggest thing was for me to get away from [REDACTED] and Capt. [REDACTED] and I was assured this would happen. I gave him and security everything. Numerous inmates were busted for drugs and placed in seg. But you know what happened next. I was forced and black-mailed by security to seek out more information and report daily on a phone number they provided while I waited for this John character from the D.O.J. to show up and keep up his end. But no that didn't happen because it was all a hoax. They just had someone pretend to be a D.O.J. agent. They literally had someone impersonate a law enforcement official. So now I found myself stuck and forced into a situation. I'm being threatened daily by security to provide info and threatened daily by inmates for being suspected snitch because after I started complaining about what was going on Capt. [REDACTED] and security started name dropping my name to the guys in interviews saying I was the one who gave them up and putting information that would only carved back to me in the conduct reports. It got to the point where it wasn't safe for me there period, but security wouldn't intervene or help. There are countless phone calls to verify this. A phycologist by the name of [REDACTED] who knew what was going on even tried to get the capt's to do something, but they kept promising her to help no matter how many times she told them my safety was in jeopardy. Finally, she found a new capt. To place me in protective custody and to get me back they placed me in observation for a month with no property, visits, rec or anything. Then they have the social workers say I'm being shipped to Jackson 3hrs further away from my family, the exact opposite of what was promised me. I tried numerous times complaints and wrote Madison as well and no one will do anything about what was done to me, the danger they put me in, and that they impersonated a law enforcement agent. They don't even deny it. All they do is tell me to write one person who tells me to write another who sends me back to the other person and ignores me over and over. Then in [REDACTED] they set me up with a bogus ticket and made super Capt. [REDACTED] sends his regards before they found me guilty and sent me to max for it where all the guys I cooperated against are waiting to kick my butt or worse. It got to the point where they refuse to put me in General Population but won't move me out of here and when they realized I was taking that bogus ticket to court they withheld my legal work causing me to be 4 days late filing in the courts and then the courts charged me \$140.00 to dismiss my claim even though I had proof they held my legal work from me. Now I'll get the court thing worked out, you already know they make you jump through hoops before hand. I'm not mad at that really. What's got me so angry is all the abuse both mental and physical Ive endured these past couple years by these people and the fact they are refusing to hold anyone accountable for what happened. They just keep on sweeping it under the rug. My latest complaint they held for two weeks then said I filed it too late to be reviewed. I file for open records and they pretend they haven't gotten the request.

Listen, I can prove everything I said. There is no one who will listen in the D.O.C. Well I'm tired of trying to get them to own up and hold their own

accountable. What I'm asking you is if you have anyone who can help me expose this. Someone I can tell my story to. A lawyer, a newspaper journalist, news or anyone that will help me. I want to expose them. I want them to be held accountable. I'm hoping you can please point me in the right direction. Anyone who will listen. I want it out there in the media, so they got to answer for it and investigate this. I'm being forced to live in Protective custody right now. I can't go to rec, library and have panic attacks whenever they take me to HSU that I might get seen and attacked. I live in constant fear and they refuse to move me somewhere safe. Please, I'm begging for whatever information you can provide me with in order to help me. I can continue to live like this and appreciate whatever you can do as far as info. Thank you for your time.

DeShawn Johnson

Dear Ms. Swan,
I hope this letter finds you well. I'm an inmate here at [REDACTED] Correctional Institution and I've been incarcerated for twelve years. Over the years I've been in small circles and involved in several conversations where your name comes up, often as a true advocate of prisoners and prison reform. The reason I am reaching out to you know and never before is because I know you're busy living your own life an almost every day you're on the front line advocating for so many of those who have no one, so it would have been selfish of me, taking time from others when I had someone - my grandmother, who was my own personal advocate. But she passed away and now I have no one. If you don't have time or don't have time or don't want to bother, its cool and truly understandable. But if you do, and can help, whatever you feel is necessary would be appreciated.

The issue I am dealing with is, in mid-September, I was strip searched by a C.O. [REDACTED]. During this strip search I C.O. [REDACTED] forced me to do thing I know are improper. Once the strip search was over, I immediately filed a complaint (ICI), notified the Security Director and Warden here as Waupun and asked both offices to contact the local sheriff because I wanted charges filed. Neither office did. I also requested a copy of the incident that was supposed to be filed whenever a strip search is conducted. The response to my request was "No report exists."

At this point I fear for my safety and am lost. Because I don't know what to do! I do want to press charges on this C.O. and do want to pursue civil actions, but do not know how. Could you please help?
Sincerely, DeShawn Johnson

Kevin Sierra-Lopez

Hello Peg,
First of all, I apologize for taking forever to write you back. Hopefully this letter finds you doing well. Thank you for taking your time to write and help me. A lot been going on and I've been putting up my fight with these people (D.O.C. Employees) in where "retaliation, harassment, and a high ranking Captain "Unite Manager [REDACTED]" ordered staff to "confiscate all my legal paperwork" from an inmate, Jail-house lawyer [REDACTED] that is helping me to prosecute the defendants. Its bogus being incarcerated at "Boscobel, WSPF," but to say that is to say this, just because I have an "immigration detainer" "[REDACTED] ALPHA unit social worker [REDACTED] "has fail and is refusing to provide me with, job information, proper treatment for my mental health before I get released, ignored the fact I am not receiving proper treatment for my inflicted "permanent injuries" / not receiving my pain killers as prescribed by a pain specialist, but not only that I am getting released to the community before being properly prepared and being on long term solitary confinement has affected me a lot to the point I want to hurt people. I have a lot of anger, hate, anxiety, emotions, impatience, and feel betrayed!

When I entered the country, "U.S." I was given permission to live here. But because I missed court I gotta go see the immigration judge. If I bail out or the judge allows me to stay, pretty much the DOC is just going to dump me on the street, worse of then when I came to prison. This is sad but DOC employees always get away with behind doors. I am being kept on administrative confinement for 2 reasons. 1) Weapon 6/26/2016, in where my cell/room was searched 3 different times, first day, second day, third day, nothing was found, but on the fourth day a weapon was found in my cell/room. I was found guilty of having a weapon but not guilty of making it. 2) 9/19/2018 incident where I swallowed multiple pills and they found my guilty of misused medication, and I was charged restitution for hospital bills. A.C. phase programs are not beneficial for me, I am not a security risk and was DOC needs to do is help me with getting prepared before getting released! Long term solitary confinement is breaking me down, I've been in my cell 24 hours on Saturday, Sunday and Tuesday, isolated from seeing outside. I only get 1 hour 15 minutes on Monday outside, Wednesday inside rec, Thursday outside, Friday inside rec. I don't really communicate with my family, only like 1 time a month, But SOC/[REDACTED] social worker [REDACTED] does not provide inmates to communicate with families and friends before getting released. I have to ask social worker [REDACTED] for the address of [REDACTED] so I can order a free catalog and get to order my release clothes, but she says I need to get this on my own.

[REDACTED] Facility Staff
21 officers short in where the same CO always forced to do overtime; only 5 to 6 nurses, they work 12 hours and they all go home at 6:30pm; only 5 mental health staff; 4 social workers in the whole entire prison; only 3unit managers and 1 physiatrist in the whole entire prison.

I have a lot of pressure on my shoulders. But one thing I can say is [REDACTED] Department of Corrections has, is and continuously being deliberately indifferent for not helping prisoners properly train themselves or how to deal with their serious mental health, addiction, and to keep a positive future! Instead they are neglecting the communities safety and they are well aware of what they are doing: come to sit on their butt, do nothing, get their check, get drunk, do drugs, so who cares!! This needs to change ASAP, because long term Solitary confinement is turning inmates against innocent people, just because the way the prison staff of WI Dept. treated them!!

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Peg, I receive the other documents too. I'll be writing to [REDACTED] in the near future. Thank you for this update
As for the Lawsuit [REDACTED] filed for me is active now and I'm waiting on the defendants to respond to my preliminary injunction because my <medical documents pertaining to that incident are missing>, so if the can not respond as to why they are missing or what happened to them they will beg me to settle. I need a big favor from you:

#1. Tell ██████ to send me an affidavit stating that the DOC confiscated more than 350 documents pertaining to case Sierra-Lopez v. L ██████ and that he was helping me with this case, but got sent to V.A. etc I need this affidavit. Kevin Sierra-Lopez

Julian Blackshear

Peg Swan,
Hello again. I have been on a 10-day paper restriction and was unable to write you back. This also hindered some dead lines for me. I did receive your letter and I am sorry about my handwriting and was looking forward to any news station contacting me about my issues. I am rewriting my letter along with a new one and am attaching them to this letter, in regard to the info in your letter. I do see the bigger picture and wish to have my own foundation like yours and to join and work with tours as well. I do know how to do/ litigate civil cases only but currently have 9 cases in court and can barely keep up with my own all very serious cases in my name Julian Blackshear vs. Ect. I was in hopes that a pro could take on of my cases/ and with \$ I could give a % to your foundation and hire an attorney to do the rest of my cases. I know that that if the media hears about my issues an attorney will get involved. I can never get enough time in the library to type anything and have to hand write everything!! I also have family support and receive stamps and paper also and seek your help only for info and to reach contacts I can help but very limited/ however my cases may help a lot of inmates in (WI) my mental health and me right now are very unstable and the hole does not help with an attorney we can move forward quickly with \$. All my cases again are very serious. This one case you will read about will show the seriousness of what I have been going through here / in general. I want to work together with you and NEED TO GET THE NEWS INVOLVED. I am a different kind of person but have big plans and goals that I plan to reach. I went to school for business and learned civil law in here. I know how to reach the higher goal and will take \$ I have suffered through my incidents. I have cases worth hundreds of 1000s, possible millions, who knows, and am willing to use this \$ for the greater cause but again need to be simply heard.

I found another razor and simply gave it to a SRG. I felt comfortable with. On the 11th in the sane cell I found another and cut myself, again receiving stitches, and was put back in the same cell uncleaned. The next day, the 12th 3/12/19, I had received warning for HSU staff not to eat or drink as I have an offsite surgery at 7am but by 7am I was not taken out by security staff as security staff stopped my trip. The same RHU staff who was harassing me giving me issues, including Srg. ██████/ CO ██████/ Capt. ███ et al. because of prior history (ICEs) and my complaining about multiple health issues here at ████/RHU. Srg. ██████ advised staff not to let me shower and told me I had the trip at 7am. I did not eat, but out of vengeful/retaliation, security staff stopped my trip/ surgery appointment that was scheduled and approved by both PSU/HSU and would be the 2nd time stopped by security in 11 weeks. Once I realized my trip was stopped/canceled I decided to eat on camera after 7am. Just around 7:30, shortly after, A WCI Nurse block popped in my window and asked what's up, I said you tell me. She then asked why I was not gone yet. I said I don't know then she said I will not let this happen and went and made some phone calls and came back and said you ate. I said yes because it is past 7am and my appointment was canceled so while knowing what security did and not wanting to be part of this retaliation act nurse block acted on her own and got my surgery changed to later in the day. CO ██████ working the cell hall was also aware of this attempt to hinder a serious surgery and told me to write them up. Nurse block also aware but did not take part.

Next day I asked Srg. ██████ why you tried to stop my surgery, he smiled and said you ate and said he can't be touched in front of me Nurse block / CO ██████ but me not eating until my appointment is on camera as I'm on 24-7 surveillance and will fault there lie as well as with truth from staff not involved with this. With giant holes in my mouth from oral surgery, I was placed back in the same cell on observation, with no hygiene laying on hard filthy room the next few days. Living through this I found 2 more razors and gave them to PSU Dr. ██████ who I felt comfortable with and guy nurse also who was with Srg. Nickolas on Friday the 15th 3/15/19 a PSU Dr. ██████ cam and I told her I wasn't suicidal, and it doesn't matter keeping me in here anyways as I could of killed myself over and am sick and need to heal from surgery/stitches ect. Get my hygiene. Anyways she wants to keep me in over the weekend knowing I was in pain/ hurting and I told her there's razors in here and she said see you Monday and waved her hand and told me she had been in collections for 13 years and was aware of complaints by me to ████/PSU staff and did not notify security about my telling her razor in cell. Later/ same morning I cut myself with another razor and was again stitched up receiving 22 more stitches. I told staff I will not self-harm anymore I'm ok and calm, security agreed. Cpt. ██████ ordered/ advised them to send this very calm inmate back to obs cell but Dr. ██████ intervened and had me strapped down for 10 hours whole stitched up, bloody and sad with dry sockets from surgery and not resisting / fighting any staff. I was strapped down out of retaliation!

I was scared and urinated on myself several times and into open wounds and Srg. ██████ pulled the straps so tight I have a scar now on my inner bicep. I was left with urine in wounds for several hours. I was released from observation 3/19/19. In the last 100 days or so there has been 15 razors in my suicide rooms. I have a history of self harm and have over 170 cuts/ scars on my arms. Staff I felt comfortable with and was not part of any retaliation Act here at ██████ and were simply doing their jobs I handed them over the razors I found and other times I wanted to die I cut myself. I have received over 50 stitches in ██████. I have been here 11 months only! Please note the cells in RHU/█████ in general are extremely filthy and for me because of my history coming to RHU the hole, I am deeply stripped searched including touching/ lifting/ showing all my private parts. ██████ like all prisons has supplies/ tools/ gear with over 2.4 billion the WI-DOC has metal detector stations/ metal detector wands/ and x-ray machines and should be no way possible any inmate can bring any metal to RHU let alone 15 razors which were in my suicide rooms/ observation cells. ██████ would have let me die 15 times over my cells were under 24-7 video surveillance and observation checkers watching me every 15 mins. There is no footage of me pulling a razor out of my body because they were already in the room! My MH history dates back to 2004 at least documented and in last 3 years alone I have been strapped down 3 times, 3 ER trips, 75+ stitches including hanging/ cutting/ stabbing/ overdosing/ smearing poop and urine with at least 10 MH diagnoses / 85 days in suicide watch. But never once did ██████/ ██████ -WI-DOC recommend /send me to MH center/ inst. I have been on over 15 MH meds that have suicidal side effects. I have a chronic/ traumatic brain injury/ damage and while at ██████ trying to work out resolve issues/ complaints with chain of command staff they have lied/ withheld thrown out/ not written back/ swayed/ hindered in attempt to hide these medical self harm incidents including staff from inmate complaints. I request all obs cell in WI be changed and full range cameras installed and more safe metal detectors and all staff retrained in suicide prevention. I request 10 million for my 170+ cuts/ scars the neglect of both my mental and physical health, the torture/ cover ups/ lies.

I request all my property/ mail back and that ██████ answer follow (ICRS) chain of command/ PIRA requirements/ rights/ regulations or I will file a suit right away. Everything is true and documented on video camera (IRs) PSU/HSU security everywhere with multiple staff witnesses the neglect and deliberate indifference and times when I should have been stitched up but was not and left. All needs to be investigated and something done because I am lucky to be alive. Several staff members who were around but not part of these acts and simply doing there job will name all in investigation. Thank you for your time.

Dated this 23rd day of march 2019
Respectfully, Julian Blackshear #502191
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Dear Peggy Swan,
Hello my name is Julian R. Blackshear. I am in Jail for selling drugs. I am 29 and have 1x child named winter who is the love of my life. Me and her can be seen on Facebook Julian Blackshear. Im writing you today as I heard of you/your org. from another inmate. I have had trouble in past trying to contact fox/ other news stations (the media.) It doesn't seem my letters want leave the Prison?! I am in hopes you can forward this letter to news outlet/outlets! Who will actually get it and do something. I have all legal supplies myself and have x9 active civil suits in court new again under my name Julian Blackshear. You can read the letters and see the extremeness of my issues. Please tell me how you feel and what you think and I would also like to contribute to your org.
Respectfully, Julian Blackshear #502191

Frank Brabant

Dear Peggy Swan,
I recently got put in TLU (temporary lock up) as ██████ for a PREA investigation. My celly wanted me out of our cell and I am gay so he decided that the easiest way to get me out was to make a complaint i.e. PREA.
I lost \$24.00 worth of property and hygiene products. I don't have any outside support and will need to make complaints about my being targeted for the bogus investigation which I feel is based soley on my sexual orientation.
I have a letter drafted to ACLU and Tammy Baldwin complaining about how LGBTQ's at ██████ are regularly targeted for PREA investigations.
I could really use help with any advice your organization could give me on how to proceed in my contesting such treatment by staff at ██████.
I could also use some writing paper and envelopes as I will be writing various organizations and penal systems about my unjust treatments.
Thank you. Sincerely Frankie

Thomas J Healy

My name is Thomas J Healy I am inmate #38131. I no longer belong to myself I now belong to a well-known very regulated system that is unescapable and shut off from the rest of the world my world is like yours only we have our own rules, laws, governments, store, Hospital, school, jobs, and even hierarchy. The world I live in is called the D.O.C. ██████ Correctional to be exact.Well I was charged with possession with intent to sell crystal meth operating and running of a drug house and possession of 21 unregistered assault weapons I got 17 years in 10 years ES. While being incarcerated I have lost my whole life my parents siblings everything I owned on the streets and most importantly my kids and their mom.

The positive things prison has done for me well most important it has taught me that there are positive and negative consequences for just about any and everything you do. Also prison has helped me grow up quicker. In here you can have all the money in the world and you still need to fend for yourself. You cannot just pay someone to do all the things you don't want to do also a positive thing prison has done for me is allowed me to not only get my standard education but it has also allowed me to learn a trade so that I can better myself when I get out of here. One last positive thing prison has done for me and is forced me into a long-term sobriety. Well the negative things prison has done for me well there's a lot but here are a few. Prison has stunted my growth spiritually mentally physically and emotionally as well as financially another thing prison has negatively affected or took away from me is my family my kids no longer know who their father is cuz I have not been in their life for so long their Mom feels like I have abandoned her when she really needs me to help her raise our kids so she hates me more and more every year and my kids hate and resent me for not being in their lives plus the more their mother hurts the more they hurt and hurt always turns to hate plus prison has also negatively affected me because I own my own business So for every day I'm in prison I lose out on money and last but not least and most importantly prison has costed me two of the most significant people in my life to pass away on me while I was in here I lost my father and I lost the woman who pretty much raised me and not only was I here prison instead of making their last day as good as can be I never got to say a proper goodbye and I left like prison made me do the ultimate disrespect to these two people in my life by not being able to be at their funeral.

My plans upon releasing is to take 15% of my annual yearly income of my Native American restaurant and put it towards a youth hangout spot for troubled or at risk kids plus I want to start a chef program to teach at-risk kids how to run and operate a successful food truck and eat in the restaurant and last but not least I plan on being the father to my children because at the end of the day they tend to suffer my being locked up more than any other man could from me being locked up.

My name is Thomas J Healy I am inmate #38813. I no longer belong to a well-known very regulated system that is physically unescapable and shut off from the rest of the world because I'm 7 months to releasing moving out of this corrupt soulless city called ██████ Correctional better known as the Wisconsin D.O.C.

Auguta J Crump

Hello, New Reader!!!

As I write this fervent missive, I hope the contents of this letter finds each person who has read it, or have had it read to them, in the very best of health & spirit, while each person does their very best to stay on a positive level in life. As we're all faced to endure this unmerciful world. I'll be honest with you (the reader,) I have never done anything like this. Writing such a letter is very new to me but I hope the purpose of this letter touches each person in its own way. If my message in this letter reaches one person. I feel I've done a great job and what I was asked to do. A very wise and good friend of mine asked me to write such a letter. My story! So, today as I write my story, I'll do my very best to help someone not make the same mistakes I've made. Thank you for allowing me the opportunity to reach someone in this missive. I would like to touch and talk about prison. There's 4 key points I would like to address to you (the reader,) while telling you my story. So, let's see how this all works out.

Point 1: Why I was sentenced to prison or taken into custody in the first place? How this has affected my life & the people that are a part of my life.... I was taken into custody for first-degree intentional homicide. Possession of a firearm as a felon. These were my two charges. When I was only 17 years old I took a man's life because this man raped my daughter. The system calls this type of crime sexual assault but, we'll call it what it is. Rape! As a father, I didn't think twice about what I felt like I had to do. It made my decision a lot easier because I was already an active gang member, who was already known for shooting at people. Shooting with the intention to kill. By already having these attentions in my heart thinking and knowing I would try & kill this guy was like second nature. After everything took place now the major question. Is did I do the right thing? As I stated before as a father I would do anything to protect my child. Right! Now the sad thing about the whole situation is the very moment I decided to take this man's life. I put them all In harm's way. Not because I was worried about any type of retaliation from anyone in his family or friends but because now anyone else could harm them and if I was capture for my crime. Then who would protect them then? I affect them all in the worst way but as a father.I would do it all over again. Sometimes I wish the police would have captured him first because I wouldn't be writing this letter now. I would be free to be a part of their lives. I've put my life on the line for 3 years but the hardest thing I've ever had to face. Is waiting in the courtroom facing life in prison. Real talk!

Point 2: What have I lost while I've been in prison.... The main thing I lost was my freedom & free will. I'm no longer allowed to do what I want to do but only what I'm either told to do or allowed to do. I can't get up & go as I please wherever I want to go. I lost contact with my family & friends for years and years. Contact with my children. At one point I lost myself. Trapped inside of my mind not sure which way is left & right or up & down because all I know is this small cell. Only the Strong Survive. This is a very true statement.

Point 3: What are my positive and negative prison experiences..... Due to the fact I've been confined in prison for over 10 plus years and counting. I've experienced a lot more negative actions early on in my sentence. My positive experience consists of things such as, obtaining an education & a trade or skills to use upon my release. Having positive conversations with older & younger cats who has chosen to change their life. Getting positive feedback on any situation I'm faced with. Also. being able to not only find a higher power, also learn about this higher power and have faith in what I believe in. Which my higher power being "Allah." Now my negative experiences have been getting into countless fights over & over. Being beat real bad by the "C.O." to need outside help. Being discriminated against because of the color of my skin. Going to see SEG (segregation,) over & over because of my actions or the actions of people around me.

Point 4: How I've rehabilitated myself to be able to successfully reintegrate into society..... What I want each person reading this letter or having it read to them is. Rehabilitation starts within first. If you're not willing to change within first, then no matter what type of books you read or program you do, it won't work. Change must come from within. If you don't choose to change then this will either continue to be your faith or become your faith. So, the first thing I did was work on myself on the inside. Then I started taking programs and classes about different life skills. I keep faith in Allah and allowed him to be the head of my life. Asking him for his guidance through this time. The time I still have to do and when I finally make it home. I made up in my mind no matter what. Once I was released I would never come back to prison.

Well reader of dismissive, I hope & pray my story has helped you & anyone it could help. I pray it touches each person in the way it needs to touch them. God Bless You All !!! By: Agusta J Crump

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Dear Peg Swan,

Thank you so much for helping me. Thank you and God bless you Ms. Swan. I know you're doing this all by yourself. I will pray for you. Yes Ms. Swan I wrote my book but I can not find anyone who will help me publish it. Will you please send me the information on the organization who will publish my book for free and sell it online so I can make some money for my family who needs my help. My mother needs me badly. Also I have enclosed a copy of my last trust account statement. Ms. Swan I don't know if I should send the most recent two weeks or a monthly statement so I sent both. As you can see I am highly in debt and I am indigenous and I have burned up my legal loan. Whatever you can help me with Ms. Swan is greatly appreciated. If you can't send me anything that's okay to Ms. Swan thank you for all your letters, it's so good to know someone out there gives a damn and cares about us.

You are an angel sent from God, an earth angel. Also Miss Swan I see four chapters that can help me, in the Jailhouse Lawyers manual, ninth Edition. Chapter 16 - using 42 U. S. C. 1983 and 28 U. S. 1331 to obtain relief from violations of federal law chapter 9 - appealing your conviction or sentence and chapter 12 - appealing your conviction based on ineffective assistance of counsel and chapter 11 - using post-conviction DNA testing to attack your conviction or sentence if you would please help me with sending me chapters 9, 11, 12, 16 that could help me so much.

Is what I am trying to find help with Ms. Swan is how to do my interrogations, admissions, brief, deposition, and summary judgment in 1983 lawsuits these are all six of my lawsuits

One - I was fed spoiled food and got sick and was denied medical attention. I filed a grievance and they admitted fault saying the meat was recalled. Then the C.O.'s retaliated and stole all my Grievances and legal work many other inmates became sick from spoiled meat to at ██████████ County Jail. Second one - I was sexually assaulted by an ICE federal inmate as a state inmate when I was illegally housed with a federal inmate. Jail would not file my grievances. PREA complaint was made ██████████ detectives came and seen me in prison and I filed a criminal complaint. Then the detectives said they believe me when I picked my attacker out of a photo line up because 10 other inmates filed a criminal complaint saying the same man assaulted them. Happened at ██████████ County Detention Center.

Third one my paperwork was changed by the doctors at ██████████ Mental Health Institute when I was there for 10 days for competency evaluation and I was on a probationary hold by the Department of Corrections. I told the doctors my paperwork is wrong I'm not a sex offender, never have had failure to update, I don't have decay and missing teeth, then they even made fun of my religion and said my stepfather sexually abused me, all a lie. I told the people at ██████████ I'm not a sex offender. They said I was crazy go back to your room. Then they send the information to my lawyers, dad and District Attorneys. I went to prison, then in prison my bank area and room there was nothing to lock my property up in inmates got a hold of the information and think I am really a sex offender. I was assaulted, teased, made fun of, even had my food and personal property stolen from me. I reported the abuse to staff, psychologist, unit manager, social worker, and psychiatrist. I filed grievance, appeal grievance. The D.O.C. did an investigation and said I am not a sex offender I have never had failure to update I do not have decayed and missing teeth, have all that in writing. Massive paper trail. Also D.O.C. still has not changed the information. This is big lawsuit Ms. Swan.

Fourth lawsuit - police took me to interrogation room. Beat me up, denied me a lawyer, took me to jail charged me with delivery of marijuana. I was placed in ██████████ County Jail on Friday May 11th 2012. Sunday May 13th 2012 before I was supposed to see the judge on Monday I was released and they said they made a mistake. I tried to get copies of the interrogation room. Sergeant said there was none, four years later October 10th 2016 D.A. filed an others act motion against me and gave me police reports where it said I was in the interrogation room and that I delivered drugs. I was never convicted of this crime total defamation and police reports they said they didn't have now they have this is Discovery date used on 10-10-2016 used to extend statue of limitations.

Fifth lawsuit police stole my car, assaulted me in the interrogation room, and denied me a lawyer then made me sign a piece of paper to become a c. I. Informant. Then they let me go. When let go I hired a criminal defense attorney and the cops say they never stole my car and took me to the interrogation room. 10-10-2016 other acts motion filed by D.A. district attorney given police reports that said no they did interrogate me 10-10-2016 used as Discovery date to extend statute of limitations.

6th lawsuit against commissioner of the Social Security Administration. I had three ALJ hearings. All three vocational experts said I could not work and I was disabled but all three judges denied me SSI and SSDI. Waiting for a decision on motion to see federal judge.

7th lawsuit not filed - I want to sue HSU health staff. Not supposed to be on top bunk they put me up there anyways fell off hurt shoulder and foot and ankle in physical therapy now for injuries but it's only getting worse. I was denied medical shoes, sores, blisters, feet hurt denied medical mattress, mattress now hurts back, neck, hip, shoulder, ankle and neuropathy. HSU has my MRIs of my back neck shoulder hip feet and ankles and nerve test they **** me medical attention. Sorry about my shity handwriting.

Have an 8th lawsuit not filed. Sorry Ms. Swan ran out of paper. God bless you, I am sick and disabled hard for me to do anything Court will not appoint me a lawyer.

Josh Moreman

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- ***List of Negative Prison Experiences
- Guards deliberately lie about inmates.
- Guards will use any means necessary to use any information against inmates.
 - Inmates are trained to tell on one another.
 - Guards practice being “GOD” of all inmates, never doing wrong towards others.
 - Guards pick and choose what and when to enforce the rules.
 - Many inmates will do anything to become friends with the guards, not knowing the guards are trained to use any and all information against the inmates.
 - The prison pays pennies for high-dollar labor.

Positive Prison Experiences

Prisoners learn very quickly how to lie to cover their asses. (NOT SAYING THIS IS GOOD)

The prison system can provide schooling for those who need it.

The prison system allows family and friends to come visit if approved.

You may shower everyday...

Don't have heat, water, or electrical bills.

You get your own bunkie but, but not at your choice.

Family..
From Car trucks.
My home..
My plumbing company..
Trust..
My father..
My mother...
Thousands of dollars...
Savings accounts..
Many toys..
Dignity...
Master Plumbing License

- The prison system sets many people up for failure because, they they make money on us being in the system.
- The prison limits everything.
- The prison sergeants can make up reasons to fire inmates from their jobs without being questioned at any cost, (WE HAVE NO RIGHTS AS INMATES)
- Guards can ransack your room at any time. (NO PRIVACY)
- FOOD SUCKS
- CANTEEN PRICES OUTRAGEOUS
- Continuously looking through a fence like animals at the zoo.
- Outrageous Punishments.
- Inmates always told what they can and cannot do, daily...

You're never alone...
You're always on camera...
Never need to trust anybody...
One never needs to worry about freedom in here, because there is none...
The grass outside does turn green with passing time..
There are jobs to work your ass off for pennies the system pays...

What I Have Lost Since Coming to Prison

Freedom..
Firearm rights..
Self Will...
All my home furnishings..
Lance
Gained! Lots of depression problems!
Gained! Groups of people I would never choose to associate with on the streets.
Gained! Health problems from unwanted stress.
Gained! Health care that costs money every time I have to go see them.
Gained! lack of trust towards people..
My side why I was taken into custody....

When two detectives came to “talk” to me, I was on probation/parole for an existing crime. I chose knowing I was 100% innocent of the allegations to run from the cops, knowing the system was going to attempt to put me back in prison again.

Turned out, I was still forced to turn myself in to the police anyhow, because I got sick of always having to look over my shoulder because I was on the run for a routine officers.

I was originally sentenced to prison for revocation because, I was not sentenced or found guilty on the new case from the false allegations, the ALJ maxed me out at 3 years in custody to finish my rev. Time...

I was then sentenced to 7 in/10 out concurrent to rev time, with no hardcore evidence, no DNA, no evidence in my phone, no computer evidence, all hearsay evidence... I was also told by the judge I admitted guilt through my actions when I ran that was why I was found guilty.. His exact words were to me “Mr. Moreman innocent people don’t run.”

Plan to Rehabilitate Myself to the Community

I have ordered a Wisconsin Plumbing Code book, I have a little more than 3 yrs. left in prison to go. My plan is to study that book from cover to cover and upon release try to get in to test out to get my Master Restricted Appliance License. I want to open my own plumbing shop to do drain cleaning and minor plumbing work.

I plan to invest much time back into my sobriety as I was initially working on before coming to prison. I have learned to stride for sobriety. I am going to restart my drug and alcohol counseling groups and classes. I am going to rejoin the AA/NA group I was previously participating in before prison.

I have plans to get back into archery and fishing possibly doing some guiding and during the Summers getting back into some Walleye tournaments. I want to also get my CDL license so I can get my own dump truck for my plumbing business.

My plan consists of staying very busy, staying sober, getting a sponsor, and reporting to my probation officer on the regular proving I have

changed myself and that I am not relying on anybody else to change me.. I want to be able to settle down and start my family by finding a wife and soon having children of my own after becoming financially stable again in my life.

I am striving for complete sobriety and to successfully complete my 10 years of parole so I can forever live a great life with no more resting on my shoulders...

Just in Brief:

My troubled days started way back when I was 5 or 6. My father thought it was cool to let me chew on cigars. Instead of disliking the taste, I learned to love them... My brothers, sisters, and cousins always got a kick out of watching me eat cigars..

By the time I was around 8 yrs. Old, my mother would give me sips of beer, not knowing I liked that too...

I was around 12 yrs. Old when I started smoking, drinking on the regular, stealing, and getting into trouble not only at home but with the law also.. I was skipping school stealing cigarettes from stores, also alcohol....

I was 16, I became a straight forward asphalt, smoking weed, drinking, lying, cheating, stealing, robbing, hanging with other distorted kids, skipping school, and fighting at school not only teachers, but I went on a rampage to beat up some of the other kids...

By 17, I was in jail and shelter care for stealing my parents cars and trucks, and all the previous behaviors thinking that was what it meant to fit in and be cool. But looking back, come Friday nights I was doing my own thing, not going on dates, or hanging out with friends, because I beat everyone up nobody wanted to be friends with me... My parents forced me to get a job...

After graduating high school by the skin on my back. I moved on to bigger and worse charges such as:

Stealing, Theft of movable property, Robbery, second-degree sexual assault, Domestic Abuse (to my wife), Intent Bodily Harm DC, Underage Drinking, Grand Theft Auto, Possession, Speeding, Driving after Rev., Disorderly Conduct, Breaking and Entering, DUI's, Eluding Police, Uttering and Forgery, Disorderly Conduct to a Police Officer, Criminal Damage to Property, bouncing checks that I stole from a business... And my list goes on...

Please trust when I say the time only gets longer behind bars, and the time gets much lonelier also, until you find that you need to quit before you never get out.... You can write me anytime you need a reality check, Us inmates will always write and show how real the system is always being.....

Jay Saddler

To Peg,

Hi Miss Peggy Swann. My name is Jay Saddler. I am not from Wisconsin, I was extradited to this state, I never been in this state free on the streets or in jail. I had my fingers cut off in Div. [REDACTED] Jail. Enclosed I'm even sending a Cook County FaceSheet. I want you to understand, as a Chicago native, I have been having a very hard time adjusting to this foreign land. A wis inmate told me it's a very good women who would help me and understand my situation, so anyway I'm only here temporarily until I be sent back to Chicago never again. I have a law suit, against wisc. Grant County for not following up on a surgery hand damage reconstruction of hand tendon which would sustain I had from a butcher knife. I am really having a hard time, conveying the law on the federal district of western told me that the federal civil judicial procedure and rules. Now I have been okay until this point from my money with my family until Chicago. But what happened is this medical sever hand injury from Chicago has completely destroyed my hand, and I been devastated. My judge is [REDACTED] in Western District, pertains to this severe medical hand reconstruction and I really don't have a lawyer. Now I will make sure I send you some type of money back. I am very grateful for a good person like your for your kindness towards someone down and out in a different land, on behalf of Statesville inmates and Chicago I thank you. See the people I grew up with and been around all my life, those black men in Chicago such as me never had anyone in their corner. I am so grateful. My mother has just died out of the blue from stroke. Now I don't want you to feel sorry for me because this is not that. My b-day is coming up April 14th so my sister or someone in Chicago should send me some money and whatever you send me. As far as the envelopes, paper, and maybe if you get the federal procedure rules thing, and maybe referral me to a lawyer you may know. Hey I will send you whatever I think you may need to help understand me on this note as who I am. Now besides everything I said I will be rewarded my judge and other things, with funds. I have permanent damage, so its because the Doctors of [REDACTED] and Nurses, from that county, did not follow up like my doctor from cook county told them. Grant County promised to follow up, wrote down everything they didn't do because violation of my constitution, what my Judge said so I will get belief. Just take time, now I have no envelops and I am on the floor all my lil money was took just for this civil suit. I am on the floor. Hey far as my family in Chicago listen, my sister name is [REDACTED] name is Paris Saddler, my family member was shot recently and I been in confinement since. They don't allow calls but one in 30 days!! Yeah so I'm stressing I just wanted to tell you that when I get my lawsuit money I would love to donate some money to your cause. I heard you guys have some great things as in your program, help non profitable. I will be released back into Chicago Oct. 2020. I am leaning on donating to feed the children. Yeah so I just wanted to add could you please tell Paris is everything okay?? And about my lawsuit.