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PUBLIC STATEMENT FROM SIDNEY MOORER
WRONGFULLY CONVICTED IN THE "DISAPPEARANCE OF HEATHER ELVIS" CASE

THE HELL BEHIND BARS

Dear Nation,

My name is Sidney Moorero. I was wrongfully convicted of a crime and am currently imprisoned at Lee Correctional Institute in South Carolina. I am reaching out to the Nation, not on behalf of myself, but on behalf of the 2.12 million other inmates around this country.

Last week, a prison guard here at Lee Correctional was caught attempting to smuggle a large quantity of drugs and other contraband into the prison. Since then, this guard has begun confessing and she is thankfully leaving no rock unturned. She is not simply telling people the hideous truth about the investigation misconduct of my case, but the true extent of the corruption present in law enforcement across the country and the American prison system in general. And this brave woman is just the beginning.

The SCDC ("South Carolina Department of Corrections") is now chaotically and openly doing everything possible to silence this guard – spinning everything this woman says – or at least attempting to spin it.

At the same time, Lee Correctional is currently so frighteningly short-handed that there have been a ridiculously unacceptable number of inmates suffering treatable medical emergencies yet being refused medical attention until it had been reported to family – at which point the families are told they must call 911 for their family member/inmate to receive medical attention.

Furthermore, the dorms never – and I mean never – have more than a single guard working there. Most times, at night, there is literally no prison guard stationed in each dorm or, at best, a single guard working multiple dorms.

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Think about that for a second, please. Set aside your opinion about me for the sake of the 1,784 other human beings currently incarcerated at here at Lee Correctional and consider the unspeakable consequences of these facts.

SCDC is a machine that is seemingly unable to identify and correct the real issues of life in South Carolina prisons. The increasingly common possession of cell phones by

inmates is not the problem – sending messages between inmates and those on the outside has never been difficult. The problem with cell phones is that they – and they alone – allow inmates to record, discuss and publicize the reality of life in here. Not the situation while a MSNBC “prison documentary” crew is present and recording everything constantly with endless \$30k cameras and spotlights. Just wait until the crew leaves...

I think the REAL problem is the absurdly disproportionate relationship between the seriousness of a crime and the sentencing as compared with other crimes and sentences. SCDC does not rehabilitate. SCDC merely locks human beings in cages and cells. It's systemic incarceration – just lock them up and throw away the key – and I don't say that phrase for no reason.

Again, please set aside your feelings concerning my case and remember that inmates are human beings – and that there is no denying that fundamental truth. So, as a society, we must ask ourselves, how poorly are we willing to treat a human being?

We must also ask ourselves what the public's duty is as it relates to supervising and holding prisons like Lee Correctional accountable. Let's take this statement I am writing. Is it enough for you, the public, to investigate my allegations for yourselves? And then to act if you find any of my allegations to be true? Even if it is simply to show mercy on the wrongfully convicted?

The funny thing about a prison is that it is not, by design, most concerned with preventing inmates from escaping. It is most concerned with preventing the truth from escaping.

Thank you for your time and attention.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, consisting of the letters 'S' and 'M' joined together.

Sidney Moorer