

June 4, 2014

To: Kristine G. Baker
U.S. District Court Judge
Eastern District of Arkansas

Re: Christopher Deaton v. Larry May, et.al.
USDC No. 2:13-CV-136-KGB-JTK

Dear Judge Baker :

Please find enclosed a letter I wrote to Magistrate Jerome T. Kearney. If there is anything you can do, I would appreciate your help.

Respectfully,



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To: Jerome T Kearney
U.S. Magistrate Judge

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Dear Judge Kearney:

I'm being stretched to wits end concerning the repeated harassment and retaliation from Varner Super Max (VSM) officials and the Courts reluctance to do anything about it. I filed a motion for a TRO and preliminary injunction (Doc#22 and 24, 25 & 26) concerning blackmail and retaliation. I filed a motion for ruling adding more evidence demonstrating continued retaliation (Doc#39) and then filed objections to your dismissal of Doc#22 (Doc#40) with even more evidence demonstrating a continued campaign of harassment.

I've been in punitive housing since January 31, 2014, (124) consecutive days (WITHOUT RELIEF) and received only one disciplinary for non-compliance with grooming standards, resulting in a (30) day sentence. I didn't receive that disciplinary until I had been in punitive housing for (29) days and I only received that disciplinary because of all the grievances and letters of complaint I wrote about being in punitive housing without being on punitive status or having a pending disciplinary.

I have been complaining about having to choose between a disciplinary and going to Yard Call, Classification Review hearings, and medical services. When I started writing "Refused by threat of a disciplinary" next to my name when I would sign a waiver to refuse to attend Classification to avoid a disciplinary they started refusing to let me sign the waiver at all.

Today, they didn't ask if I wanted to attend Classification or even threaten me with a disciplinary, they simply wrote me a disciplinary based on a direct order from Deputy Warden Jackson - the very person that has caused 90% of my troubles here. I will admit that I am out of compliance with grooming standards (for religious reasons) but no other inmate in non-compliance with grooming standards received a disciplinary; Only me!!!

There are other inmates with hair down past their waist being housed in non-punitive housing and not received a disciplinary for their hair since at least July 8, 2013. CAN YOU SAY EQUAL PROTECTION VIOLATION!!! The reason they don't get disciplinaries is because they don't write grievances or complain.

I have submitted so much evidence demonstrating continued retaliation and blackmail, yet, you refuse to rule on my motion. If you're curious as to what causes the enormous rate of recidivism in the ADC, look no further than the acts of these officials. If you refuse to help then you are part of the problem.

I hope my Frustration is being reflected adequately in this letter because that is exactly what I am - Frustrated. I spent 4 years in the BOP as a Grade 1 tutor in the education department helping other inmates and NEVER had or seen problems like I am being subjected to here in the ADC.

Most inmates in my situation usually respond with violence, yet, I have been patient - studied law to determine my rights - and petitioned the Court for help. However, the Court itself has demonstrated deliberate indifference to my health and safety, but, because of sovereign immunity you have no motivation to actually do anything.

I have written many grievances and letters of complaint since July 8, 2014, and NOT ONE PERSON has ever attempted to talk to me about these problems and see what can be done to resolve the issue. They ignore me, taunt me, and incite me into legal action because they know that 99% of inmate cases get dismissed, and not necessarily because they don't have merit, but because the Court simply don't have the time to deal with them all. (Unspoken Truth).

I'm not going away and I will not quit. I have at least three more §1983's to file and the longer you leave me here under these conditions I'll simply collect more evidence and file more lawsuits. I'm learning as I go and I'm starting to focus on how to get the media involved. I will do whatever it takes to CAUSE a big enough event to get the media's attention.

ADC officials ignoring me has only made the problems worse. They have created a monster in me and expect the court to clean up the mess. I'm asking for you to take IMMEDIATE action concerning my motion for injunctive relief (Doc #24, 25, & 26, with references to Doc #39 & 40) before I am forced to - well, let's just say now would be a good time for someone to take affirmative action.

At the very least, you can order ADC officials to schedule a meeting with me to attempt to resolve these issues and possibly prevent further court action - something NO ADC official has yet to do. This problem goes all the way up to the Chief Deputy Director, Grant Harris, and he most likely refuses to help because he used to be warden here at VSM and the practice of blackmail probably started with him. Therefore, the only person capable of resolving these issues is ADC Director, Ray Hobbs. My patience is quickly running out.

Do I really have to resort to "gray area" tactics in order to find relief from the ~~bad~~ torture I'm being subjected to on a daily basis???

To sum all this up - PLEASE HELP ME!!!



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