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?Unprovoked Assault?

By: Terry L. Branson

On May 1, 2023 an MSOP security counselor was assaulted by a patient civilly committed based upon a diagnosed mental disorder. An individual who was identified as dangerous by a District Court Judge.

According to those individuals in administrative positions, the assault that occurred upon that staff member was *unprovoked*?

Although I do not support anyone being assaulted; physically and/or sexually. It is well known throughout this facility that this particular staff has been known to make comments which can typically provoke a negative response.

I will also point out that on the previous day before the staff was assaulted by this patient, he had a physical altercation with another patient in the rotunda area. I find it troubling that MSOP's administrative officers declined to inform the media with that information. **Why?**

Now they are alleging that they can't release information about the staff that was assaulted because it would be a Hippa violation. He's a state employee whose information should be available to anyone who wants it.

MSOP's Administrative officers are not stupid. These individuals actions are specifically designed to control the narrative for their own self-serving agenda. So I would like to take a different view of what transpired within the most secure treatment facility in the state of Minnesota.

There is a need for that "*shock factor*" which justifies and supports the assertion of how out of control and dangerous those being detained at the MSOP's treatment facilities are. Such terminology utilized by these administrative officials (i.e. Gov. Walz, A.G. Kieth Ellison, DHS Commissioner Jody Harpstead, MSOP Executive Director Nancy Johnston, MSOP Clinical Director Nancy Stacken, MSOP Security Director Terry Kneisel, etc., etc.) is specifically designed to induce that "*shock factor*" which then fuels such things as moral panic and hatred.

Utilizing such shock factors incorporate a triggering mechanism causing mass hysteria over a single incident. Everyone is dangerous based upon the actions of

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"Nonviolence is the first article of my faith. It is also the last article of my creed." Mahatma Gandhi, 1922 1

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This newsletter has the full intent and purpose of presenting a continuous uncensored, thought provoking informative service within the space it resides in. Its functions are to spread a message which offers a better understanding of what transpires within the Minnesota Sex Offender Program ("MSOP"). We believe every individual ultimately possess a natural ability to overcome every negative force which impacts their daily life. Through understanding and obedience of Universal Law we are afforded a more informed "freedom of choice". Freedom of choice allows each of us to encircle ourselves with those who share the same interests and values. Freedom of choice is making decisions for yourself; decisions which does not inflict harm upon another human being.

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Thought for the Month

The family must form a well-defined unit within which each member knows his/her place. From the beginning each child must be accustomed to firmly established rules of order, before ever its will is directed to other things. If we begin too late to enforce order, when the will of the child has already been overindulged, the whims and passions, grown stronger with the years, offer resistance and give cause for remorse may arise — in general social life these are unavoidable — but the remorse always disappears again, and everything rights itself. For there is nothing more easily avoided and more difficult to carry through than "*breaking a child's will*."

The Family pgs. 145 of the "Book of Changes" by Wilhelm/Baynes

My twin sister Katy was a beautiful free spirit who always went out of her way to be the kindest, caring person, and who made people smile and laugh just by being around her. Her smile, laughter, sense of humor will be missed, but the positive impact she made in the lives of so many will never be forgotten. We will always remember KATY B.

"Intolerance can grow only in the soil of ignorance: from its branches grow all manner of obstacles to human progress." Walter White, 1929 2

Commentaries

- ④ **The Truth Nancy Johnston isn't Telling:** On May 1, 2023, a patient assaulted a staff-person at the MSOP in Moose Lake, MN. What happened to the staff-person is horrible. Our hearts go out to him and his family. This CTBH issue has multiple articles covering this tragic, but preventable tragedy. We say preventable, because we have evidence that this all could have been prevented days, weeks, even years in advance.
- ④ How is moral panic created? How is panicked legislation created? Speak with the experts, Minnesota's DHS Commissioner Jodi Harpstead and the MSOP Executive Director Nancy Johnston. They've scammed hundreds of millions of taxpayers dollars on the myth of dangerousness and the lie of public safety.
- ④ Over 80 Behavioral Expectation Reports (BERs) have been written involving one single incident involving a 2nd staff assault. There was over 60 BERs which resulted in imposing restrictions upon unit the I-E's population. We are doing more research on this story and more information will be forthcoming in next months issue.
- ④ Often we hear from those in supervising positions that they want the patients to help control/address whatever issues arise on the unit. Frankly I do not feel qualified to address the more serious issues that may arise. It's easy to put a hole in a pop bottle to stop someone from making hooch. But too these are the very individuals who are supposed to be out having their pulse in tune with what's going on throughout the living unit. Instead, when they show up, they attend their morning meeting, and head strait for their offices to not be seen for the remainder of the day.



May 5th 2023

Murdered and Missing Indigenous Women's



Day



Have you finished reading your copy of "Committed" to being heard? Why don't you give it to someone you know; let them read it; and keep sharing it. Leave it behind at the laundry mat, grocery store, bulletin board, or courthouse. Why not mail it to a friend. If you are interested in getting your own copy you can leave me a voice message at 218-351-1900 ext. 97666 or you can write me at the address listed on the front page. Your support is greatly appreciated.

*"Chaos occurs when human rights are not respected."
Andrew Young, July 1977*

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one individual. Such an analogy is utilized to subject each individual to the same degree of hatred. You become subjected to this level of hatred which is designed to incite moral panic throughout the state/county for the soul purpose of continuous punishment even after serving a prison sentence.

Again let me repeat I do not condone anyone being assaulted!

When I take a moment to think about this particular incident several thoughts come to the forefront of my mind. How many complaints have been lodged against this particular MSOP employee? How is it that this MSOP employee was performing a security round "alone" in an area that specifically segregates patients from the general population based upon exhibited behaviors of violence? How is it that this patient was capable of taking the motor out of his fan without being observed in an isolated unit? It's common knowledge throughout this entire facility that there are multiple camera's in every unit that security are assigned to monitor at all times. How is it that a security counselor gains access to the living unit of Omega by himself? This **violates** Omega's security procedures!

The Omega security counselors are even not allowed to go into the living unit during meal distribution. They distribute all meals through the half door; and, collect the trays the same way. One thing that I've learned from personal experience is: when you perform a task that is repetitive, you tend to become complacent.

We as patients are faced with a conundrum. The Minnesota Legislatures in conjunction with the Governor(s) of Minnesota created a law which identifies that in order to be civilly committed a person must be diagnosed with a disorder. This is clearly defined within MN. Statute: **Person who is mentally ill and dangerous to the public.** (a) A "person who is mentally ill and dangerous to the public" is a person: who is mentally ill; and who as a result of that mental illness presents a clear danger to the safety of others as demonstrated by the facts that (i) the person has engaged in an overt act causing or attempting to cause serious physical harm to another and (ii) there is a substantial likelihood that the person will engage in acts capable of inflicting serious physical harm on another. (b) A person committed as a sexual psychopathic personality or sexually dangerous person as defined in subdivisions 18a and 18b is subject to the provisions of this chapter that apply to persons who are mentally ill and dangerous to the public.

The conundrum comes from how the DHS/DCT and MSOP administrative officials have secured waivers in order to break away from utilizing the medical model approach when providing treatment to those of us civilly committed and diagnosed with a mental illnesses. The psychologist diagnose our mental illnesses utilizing the DSM-V manual.

Yet instead of providing treatment for the very illness that subjects us to continued indeterminate detention; the treatment they provide is psycho-educational treatment completely ignoring the mental illnesses.

When attempting to pieces this puzzle together we end up with doing nothing more than civilly committing Minnesotan citizens not for mental health treatment, but for only purpose to punish. Does this not completely go against the intended

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"It is not power that corrupts, but fear. Fear of losing power corrupts those who wield it and fear of the scourge of power corrupts those who are subject to it." Aung San Suu Kvi. "Freedom from Fear," 1991

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purpose of civil commitment laws?

DHS/MSOP's Administrative officials stated "under oath" that there are several hundred detainee's civilly committed at MSOP's facilities who could safely be released back into society. Yet these same individuals refuse to identify who any of those civilly committed individuals are. Why?

Why would you stop utilizing the medical model approach designed to treat mental illnesses unless your intent is to indefinitely keep someone detained till they die?

"Committed" to being heard is not the only critic identifying the intentional harm being perpetrated by DHS/MSOP's administration. There are an ever increasing number of organizations acknowledging that what is being done under the guise of civil commitment, is nothing more than punishing and segregating a hated group of individuals. Even history tells us that those who can't defend themselves are abused by those who are seeking to maintain control over every aspect of someone's life.

Are we not taught that when anyone takes away someone's freedom of choice, that what you are actually doing is victimizing that individual for the purpose of personal gratification?

When an administrative official alleges that something occurred "**unprovoked**" I say *bullshit*. These same administrative officials have knowingly and intentionally created a hostile environment. It serves the very purpose that they have portrayed to society. They want to ostracize those being detained within the MSOP facilities from the rest of society for the remainder of our lives. And, we are supposed to remain content and grateful for all that they do to us?! While we have been civilly committed for a diagnosed mental disorder, we remain untreated for those diagnosed (DSM-V) disorders. In fact, those administrative officials have testified on record that there are several hundred individuals who could be safely released back into society. They also testified that they do not treat mental disorders having obtained waivers allowing them to deviate from "court orders".

This administration controls the narrative of what transpires within MSOP. This is about continuing to keep this program alive for one purpose only. Financial gain to all those who are employed at both MSOP facilities. Ms. Johnston and others want to control the narrative for the purpose of persuading the 8th Circuit Court of Appeals to rule in favor of the state. Has the narrative also been intentionally twisted to persuade the legislature to pass the bonding bill for more security—even though fiscal year 2022 wages for MSOP employees exceeds \$82,000,000?

The assault on the staff person could've not only been prevented but the altercation with another patient could have been prevented as well. You cannot continue to punish a person by sending them back and forth to prison. An environment where anyone convicted of a sex offense must be on guard 24/7 from being assaulted. Then returning them back to an alleged hospital setting expecting their fight or flight response to switch off. Compounding this matter was that not one clinician, psychologist or psychiatrist checked on Mr. Aron-Jones after the first physical altercation. Is this what you really want to spend \$200,000,000 dollars on each year? A treatment program that fails to provide treatment which will reduce the patients diagnosed mental disorder(s).

"While there yet remains one dark soul within the light of God, I'll fight – I'll fight to the very end!" William Booth 5

PRISON: the Lesser of Two Evils

By Daniel A. Wilson | May 2, 2023

On May 1, 2023, a patient allegedly assaulted a staff-person at the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) in Moose Lake, MN. Incidents of staff assaults at MOSP are so rare that when it does happen, its newsworthy.

In this case, reports claim that the patient was "unprovoked," a claim that is not verifiable as journalists did not interview the patient. However, MSOP Executive Director, Nancy Johnston was interviewed.

Johnston and local news reporters conspire to dominate the narrative for good reason: they must preserve the status quo of the northland. But the truth is, MSOP staff *did* provoke the patient who reacted in a desperate act self-preservation.

MSOP staff have the man confined in preventive detention for the remainder of his life where medical and psychiatric maltreatment run rampant. He has little reason to restrain himself from going to prison, where access to health care and life expectancy are greatly increased. The culmination of these conditions came to a head when MOSP staff confiscated his property and forced him into a unit designed for punishment.

Men and women have been experiencing these conditions for almost three decades. MSOP patients are surprisingly peaceful considering the circumstances.

WDIO is one of the northland news stations that covered their side of the story. They showed images of the inside of Stillwater prison, implying that the patient was not a patient at all, but an inmate. This sensationalism aimed at defaming the patients of a so-called "treatment center" is the most honest part of their version of the story. After all, MSOP is more *like* a prison than a treatment center." However, for at least one man, it seems that an *actual* prison is the lesser of two evils.

If You Only Hear One Side of the Story, Be Leery and Be Expecting Other One-Sided Stories To Follow. . .

By Michael Benson

I just got done reading a wonderful article by OCEAN Co-founder Daniel Aaron Wilson about a patient who committed an alleged "unprovoked" assault on a staff-person at the MSOP. I found myself in agreement with the concept that MSOP Executive Director Nancy Johnston and the local media were conspiring on the narrative.

I found this to be supported by the fact that the staff-person assaulted has been confirmed to be doing just fine and not in critical condition and would be leaving the hospital within 24 hours of being assaulted. This is astounding considering that the flight of life was required because the staff was so-near to death that such an extreme measure was needed.

That said, and with my suspicions on the drama and narrative being embellished for the media and public at large. I have to suspect this will be followed by other telltale ancillary observations that will take place. Make no mistake, and I'm not a prophet, but I'll be willing to bet you see the patient get the same media hype in the indictment and appearance in Carlton County Court. He will also get an attorney

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"I proceed, gentlemen, briefly to call attention to the present state of insane persons, confined within this Commonwealth, in cages, closets, cellars, stalls, pens! Chained, naked, beaten with rods, and lashed into obedience." Dorothea Dix, 1843 6

that will give lip service about how he's innocent until proven guilty while simultaneously trying to manipulate him into agreeing with a 10 to 15 year deal for prison. NOBODY will be coming to the patient, Mr. Aaron Jones' defense and especially the Judge who will be working with the County Attorney, DHS Commissioner, MSOP and Mr. Jones attorney, to see that he rots in prison for being a human being that has been tortured virtually his whole life.

The truth is, Aaron Jones HAS BEEN PROVOKED. The State and MSOP are lying about him having a mental disorder to keep him locked up in a civil prison. His attorney in the civil proceeding and the judge helped in effectuating this lie. Mr. Jones was not schooled on how to defend himself against lying psychologists that had no expertise on diagnostics and over-diagnosed and misdiagnosed on purpose. He has been thrown into a prison that was designed to punish and everyone is lying about that as well. The MSOP is not a treatment center. The only person that can say or believe that is a person who hates God and the truth. The MSOP is evil and was created for evil purposes.

It should also not be missed how Mr. Jones represents yet another statistic in the disproportionate class of those of color that were targeted for "treatment." Blacks and Native Americans are head and shoulders more likely to get committed in the MSOP but represent far less crime than those in the dominant culture.

But even more shocking is how the civil commitment process in Minnesota was designed to commit persons of color. In the nineteenth century, Captain Richard Pratt and Jesuit Priest Father Hennepin (Hennepin County namesake and coincidentally the County that commits more than any other) would help in the creation or blueprint for what would come to be known as the modern day Indian Schools. Captain Pratt led the assimilation movement and these schools would later be blueprint of the coming State hospitals which would later become the soul and spirit of the MSOP facilities. What's frightened is that the Indian Schools with 7.6% graduation rate were more successful than the MSOP.

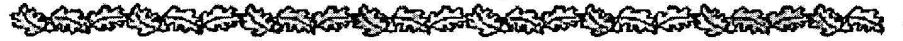
We can't compare the dead of the MSOP with the dead children of the Indian Schools because those records were whitewashed.¹

Whatever the number the MSOP has at least 90 dead and counting. Don't let the dominate culture continue to lie without confrontation. They are lying about what the MSOP is. It's a prison that has it origins in racism, lies, politics, corruption and pure evil hatred.

1. For . . . 40 years, over 10,000 Indian children were taken from their families and sent to Carlisle Indian boarding School. Only 761 actually graduated. "Returning to the blanket," a term used to describe the resumption of traditional life, was seen as a sign of great failure. But more disturbing were the statistics of those who never returned. Six boxes, catalogued as "dead files," sit in the National Archives. These boxes contain the names of children who died at Carlisle or shortly after their return home. The published reports indicate children were dying at a rate of three times the national average. Researchers suggest that these published reports were sanitized. Judge Tim Connors, *Our Children Are Sacred*, 50 *Judges' J.* 33, 34 (2011).

"Once you recognize that as a human being you are the air, the water, the plant life, and the animal life, and we take this in to sustain your physical being, once you can see that, understand that, recognize that, I think you are on a good road of learning and becoming complete being on a healing way."

~ Hollow Water Elder



"Well we ever find our path towards Healing Justice?"

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Healing Justice flows out of this understanding of creation and of Living the Good Life ~ *Mino Anji Bimaadiziwin* ~ *Good Changes for Life*. Therefore, it follows the laws of interconnectedness and wholeness. For those at Hollow Water healing is about learning how you are connected to yourself, your family, your extended family, your community, your Elders, strangers and the land. All of these are from Creator and as a person at Hollow Water quipped, 'Creator don't make no junk.' Their way of justice works on the logic of connection. For those at Hollow Water incarceration only removes people from what they need to heal—the land, the community, the Good Life.

Their focus on connection is a double focus. On the one hand, abuse can be understood as harmful experiences passed down through the generations and, therefore, to heal it is important to understand the kinds of abuse present in your family tree. On the other hand, interconnectedness is about learning about good and healthy connection. It is about learning to see the gift and beauty of each person and how he or she is needed by all the rest. In this way healing understood as expanding positive interconnectedness creates a holistic community which has members who know who they are and which is compassionately connected to all of creation.

Before colonization the Anishinaabeg relied for survival on the clan system as a way of organizing life so that each person was cared for and had clear responsibilities to care for others.

I was told a number of times that when you are assigned a clan, the clan represents a responsibility to yourself, to the community and to the world. Families are not necessarily all in the same clan, so the clan system has a cross-stitching effect of connecting various sections of the community with a responsibility to work together for the benefit of the whole. An Elder explained the purpose of the clan system to me.

In the clan system, each specific clan has a responsibility. Each person has a clan and each family has a kinship base, gender and family roots. You all know what that responsibility is. Along with knowing your clan and your responsibility you are also taught the Good Life. That's a lodge we don't have a home for yet—the Mindwin lodge. In that lodge you are given teachings on the good life, how to live the good life, and how you are connected to the rivers, to the wind and to all elements. All that is explained in the lodge. If you follow that way and if you follow the clan responsibility, you learn the teaching of the law. Those are the basis of what keeps you centered and grounded

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in your walking... That means everything you do is important in living the good life, not just responding to abuse... You grew up and you knew exactly what to expect if you didn't follow. If you harmed someone it was not just harming him or her, but yourself and your whole clan... If you harm someone from another clan, your whole clan is responsible.

It is difficult to say if such a system of healing justice could ever exist in Minnesota's systems of incarceration and indefinite detention. A combined 16 years of incarceration and civil detention have been the focus of retribution rather than rehabilitation and reintegration into our communities as better human beings. Collectively, we can change this practice. But will we take the initiative. And who will lead?



The Teachings of the Four Colors

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I'll tell you about the teachings I heard from two different tribal groups, Cree and Ojibwe. It has to do with the four colors of people who are understood to reside on Mother Earth, the black, red, yellow, and white-skinned peoples. Each group has unique gifts to bring to everyone else, and therefore unique responsibilities as well. The oldest group (for the teachings says that we are not, as people, all of the same age) is the people of the black color. Their unique gift has to do with the power of sound in Creation. In that connection, it must be recalled that, for the Aboriginal peoples of Australia, what we think of as the physical landscape must be sung into existence. It is their obligation to study, preserve and use wisely the power of sound in the universe. Next oldest are the people of the red color, the Aboriginal peoples of the Americas. Their special gift involves understanding the complex relationships between the four orders of Creation and all complex zillions of "things" that exist within them. Their special responsibility thus involves preserving the health of Mother Earth, her lifeblood the waters, and the plant, animal and human realms. The people of the yellow color are understood to be the younger still, and their special gifts and responsibilities have to do with understanding the workings of the human mind and body.

And what of the fourth group, the one I so often hear described as "our white brothers and sisters"? In both Cree and Ojibwe accounts, the special gift of this group, currently the largest in North America, has to do with bringing effective communication and understanding between all the peoples of Mother Earth, for with that there can be real sharing of gifts that each bring for all to use. I have often heard sessions close by thanking the "white brothers and sisters" for the gift of the English language, so the Blackfoot could learn from the Mi'kmaq, the Cree from the Navajo and so on. There is, however, a fly in the ointment. It has to do with the fact that the people of the white color, though immensely powerful, are also the youngest. Amongst the Kogi people of Columbia, for instance, European peoples are known as "Little Brother." In fact, white people are, in a social sense, seen as boisterous adolescents who act primarily on impulse and do not yet understand either the richness or the fragility of life, much less their responsibility to keep it in good health. As such, there remains the unhappy possibility that our common family home will not survive Little Brother's adolescence. With all our strength, energy and self-centeredness, we might still bring the walls tumbling down on everyone.

Crime is often a symbol of woundedness within but so is the retributive concept of justice. The outer reality mirrors an inner reality, only love and compassion can remove such walls." Howard Zehr, 1994a 9

ANOTHER STAFF ASSAULT!

by: Terry L. Branson

Yes. I witnessed another assault on an MSOP security counselor. What MSOP's administration would want to convince our readers was unprovoked.

MSOP's administrative officials are constantly attempting to cause chaos throughout the facility. As everyone knows those in higher authoritative positions instruct others in lower authoritative positions to perform tasks that the higher authorities don't want to deal with. Instead, those who are power hungry get bored and do what they do best. Create chaos by instigating a hopeless population.

This most recent incident (staff assault) involved the patient not displaying his I.D. card properly.

Either the security staff that was assigned to the unit that day was either poorly trained or simply didn't give a shit about this individual. Everyone already knew that this patient was agitated over a conversation that he had with one of these security counselors. Yet she (Amanda S.) is known to "send off" what she has initiated onto another unsuspecting security counselor.

What troubles me just as much is where was all those clinicians whose responsibility it is to have their hands on the pulse of the unit? As usual there was plenty of security around who would proclaim that they weren't provoking this patient.

Even the unit director Scott Gianinni was standing at the corner of the staff station watching as all this "**none provoking**" conversation was transpiring between security and the patient. Scott even watched as the patient came back down the steps, listened to the security counselor say something to the patient, watched as the patient went and grabbed a chair, and watched as the patient started assaulting the female staff with the chair.

First a male staff gets the shit beat out of himself with a motor from a fan, and now a female staff gets assaulted with a chair. And this administration alleges that they had nothing to do with either of these assaults. I call bullshit!!!

I am forced to live in an environment where everyday someone is attempting to provoke another into behaving a specific way. I call it the copy cat sex offender pattern.

Let me make this very clear. I speak for no other patient!

MSOP employees are supposed to be trained to identify sex offender patterns, and help patients recognize how these identifiable behaviors are not conducive to a productive society. Once a person starts comprehending what the behavior is, they not only start seeing what behaviors they need to change within themselves, but are able to identify these behavioral patterns within others.

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"Nonviolence and truth (Satya) are inseparable and presuppose one another. There is no god higher than truth." Mahatma Gandhi, 1939 10

These behavioral patterns are talked about in group settings where both group members and clinicians help me understand what I need to do to change these behaviors.

One of the common things amongst most criminals is they decline to readily admit that their actions harmed someone else. It's a defense mechanism that all of us have experienced. We don't want someone else seeing that we are capable of harming another human being.

If we convince ourselves that we aren't harming another person, then we can deny any wrongdoing. Many of the MSOP employees have adopted this philosophy into their own core belief system. They are provided support by those in higher positions (i.e. Nancy Johnston, Terry Kneisel, Nancy Stacken, etc.) to accept that certain behavioral patterns are acceptable standards of practice.

I will attempt to do a comparison between sex offender behavior and MSOP's therapeutic behaviors. Hopefully I'll be able to articulate the similarities in behavioral patterns.

A sex offender manipulates or forces his victim into compliance making them believe that what is happening to them is their fault, or that they "asked for it." They may threaten their victim utilizing some form of intimidation and a sense of hopelessness that there is nothing that they can do to stop the assault. As long as the perpetrator causes the victim to believe that there is nothing that they can do to escape being victimized, then the assault(s) continue to happen. While the victim believes [s]he is powerless then the perpetrator gets exactly what [s]he wants. The perpetrator demands that their victim(s) obeys them without question, or they will be punished. As long as the victim obeys the perpetrator then the perpetrator will not punish the victim to a deeper level of severity.

Now let's look at the MSOP employees. We have two major groups of perpetrators. We have security and clinical actors. Security creates all these policies and procedures which they proclaim will "address" a patient's rule breaking behavior. They allege it's all about "reducing risk" to public safety and maintaining a secure "therapeutic" environment. Again BULLSHIT!

Treatment staff on the other hand must provide treatment which has absolutely nothing to do with your diagnosed mental illness. In fact they refuse to even discuss mental illnesses within this facility. These individuals recognize there are problems and either fail to acknowledge them, or turn their heads away from problematic areas.

Just like the perpetrator who refuses to allow their victim any type of hope, the MSOP employees parrot those same identifiable signs and symptoms of impairments and behaviors the sex offender exhibited.

In an effort to send a message to the entire patient population that certain behaviors will not be tolerated; over 60 Behavioral Expectation Reports were written on the same day as the staff assault.

No waivers were offered, no conversations took place between staff and patients. It was simply determined by Gianinni and others (i.e. Cory Varguson,

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Ann Linkert, and Nancy Stacken,) that BER's would be distributed. Unit 1-E would be lockdown for a week, that no one would be placed on pre-hearing status, that anyone who received a BER would have their quarterly meal canceled, they would have a hearing without representation, without due process, and without an impartial hearing panel. In fact, Kristi Wagner who was also physically assaulted on that day was one of the two hearing panels members.

I received 7 days RS3. I was allowed to appeal the decision by the hearing panel, but I've already served the punishment and the BER can not be removed from my permanent record. While on lockdown I was denied the ability to attend my treatment groups, or any other scheduled therapeutic activities.

There is a lot more that can be written about this single incident. Have I successfully demonstrated how the MSOP employee's exhibited behaviors, actions, and attitudes resemble those of sex offenders patterned behavior? When all you do is suppress the ability of those who demonstrate positive changes and punish them simply because you control the environment. Then that individual is nothing more than copy catting sex offender patterned behaviors.

Acknowledgement by all MSOP employees is that there are problems within this facility. Yet just like the perpetrator, they refuse to look at themselves as being a part of the problem. They've become accustomed to blaming others for their own inabilities. Instead of being a part of the solution, they've become a part of the problem. I constantly hear them saying "We need to work together." Yet as soon as clinical come into work they have their little meeting and then run to their offices to hide for the remainder of the day.

MSOP's administration wants to control the narrative. This is understandable as they want to receive continued financial support for their operations. This is big money and supports hundreds of jobs which would otherwise be non-existent. Creating the narrative has allowed a group labeled "sex offenders" to be locked up for the remainder of their lives for no other purpose than continued punishment. A group of individuals with the lowest recidivism rates documented, yet specifically sought out for continuous detention in a maximum custody setting that fails to provide treatment for diagnosed mental disorders.

That is the type of therapeutic services you, the taxpayer, is paying for. Over \$200,000,000 per year and growing. Nothing more than an expensive prison.

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