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ocean newsletter

Overcoming Corruption Encouraging All Nations

In the 11th ocean newsletter, we will expose the negligence of the gulag as the world goes through a pandemic. We will then show a letter we had written to the Governor of Minnesota, asking him to release vulnerable populations from the gulag. Then we will look at a story of a man who committed his crime in 2001 and is still in "treatment," here at the gulag. Then we will look at the story of a man who was denied the right to see his mother before her passing. Then our very own Russell Hatton will teach us about the Native American belief of the Debwewiin (truth). Then we will share some poetry from an anonymous man here at the gulag. Then we will compare the facts and the fears surrounding the issue of preventative detention. We will then end by thanking our many supporters.

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👤 A Call To Action! 👤

On April 9th 2020, here at the Minnesota Gulag—it's business as usual—whereas in other states prevention measures are being taken to stop the infection of covid-19.

"I think we've all got it anyway. Remember when the flu went through here? It went from unit to unit real fast. It was awesome!" This is what Wilson heard as he got his Client Request signed at the desk. This is the general attitude of the Gulag staff during the covid -19 pandemic.

Staff are not required to wear face masks at the Minnesota Gulag. In contrast, at the Gulag in Coalinga, California, all employees are required to wear face masks and gloves. But in Minnesota, staff has only recently been given the option to wear masks, but most do not.

Before they closed all treatment groups—sometime around the beginning of March—the men in California were told that they will not be punished for not going to group. However, in a memo posted by the Gulag staff, the men in Minnesota are compelled to go to group: "...Effective April 1, 2020... Clients who have consented to treatment may choose not to attend scheduled groups but must understand that these groups are not 'optional.'" Let us translate this classic Orwellian double speak: if we don't go to group, there will be consequences. The reality of this materialized with our very own Daniel Wilson, who was threatened with a parole violation for not going to group during the covid -19 pandemic.

On April 8, 2020 Wilson received a letter from his parole officer. Wilson missed 3 groups, since March 5, 2020 when the pandemic was officially a "pandemic." The letter from his parole officer told Wilson that his "maladaptive behaviors" could put him in a "compromising position." This vague talk meant a phone call was in order. When Wilson talked to his parole officer, he found out that it was a mix between the ocean Newsletter and, not going to group that caused the Gulag officers to contact him. "I was just following the direction of the governor and the president," Wilson said, "I grew up with asthma. But I guess if I have to choose, I choose my health over my 'freedom.'" Although Wilson's parole made it clear that the Gulag officers wanted him to be in prison, his parole officer did not feel that a parole violation was warranted.

In Coalinga, every meal is served on the units, so to not infect the men. In Minnesota, we eat in a packed chow hall 3 times a day. The admissions unit in California has been cleaned out, releasing all who were in them. Minnesota would never do that. In California, their cleaning supplies are not locked up. In Minnesota, we have to get an officer to open the mop closet, which they started to lock when the pandemic started.

One man at the Minnesota Gulag was feeling ill one day. He went to the desk to see if he could get his temperature taken. He was called a "hypochondriac" and told to go away. However, in California there is a nurse on every unit.

1E clinician Ross Peterson is the first Minnesota Gulag employee we witnessed wearing a face mask. Good job, but your still a month behind the rest of humanity on this. There is no sense of seriousness over this deadly virus.

Business as usual for clinical, recreation staff, vocational staff, religious staff, and education staff who continue posing serious risk of bringing in the coronavirus. These "essential staff" could stay at home. But what was it that Albert Einstein said?:

"It is difficult to get a man to understand anything if his paycheck depends on him not understanding it."

Even during a deadly pandemic that has killed tens of thousands world-wide, they will continue to support an unconstitutional scheme.

As for ocean—we would rather stand with God and be judged by the world—then stand with the world and be judged by God! We know we are on the right side of this argument now more than ever and the true spirit of the Minnesota Gulag is showing itself.

On March 15, 2020, J.A., Daniel A. Wilson, and Russell J. Hatton circulated a "Social Distancing Declaration and Petition" that said:

In reference to the current covid -19 pandemic, it has been made clear that "social distancing" is critical to limiting the spread of the disease. Therefore, the following clients are not going to attend modules or groups at least until the beginning of the 2nd quarter of 2020. In addition, we recommend that no clinicians come to the MSOP facility until the beginning of the next quarter. Thank you for respecting our health and safety.

We received 108 signatures within a few hours. The next day was Monday, March 16, 2020. J.A. presented the Social Distancing Declaration and Petition to his therapist, and was, "laughed at." However, the day after that, gulag administration stopped all groups and they remained closed for two weeks. We would like to believe this was a result of our advocacy, however, they would never tell us if it was.

On March 19, 2020, a memo was posted on the units. It said that the gulag "...does not test clients or staff..." Again, we think our advocacy changed this. After about 3 weeks of speaking out, nursing staff started to tell us that they were testing guys that showed symptoms. However, right now we have no way to confirm if they have tested anyone. This is just what staff told ocean when we asked. We'll find out when our units open up and we can talk directly to some of the guys that have been quarantined.

The following is a summary of some of the more serious infractions and careless acts of neglect by the Minnesota gulag staff. Keep in mind that as time went on, things did get better in some ways. In other ways, did not change at all. One thing we do believe is that the more phone calls we made to Homeland Security, the Governor and other organizations, the more things changed here. We began to see a pattern, and as advocates, ocean learned a lot about the coward mentality of the gulag. The truth we found is that if they receive enough pressure, they will make changes. Evil thrives in the dark. Ocean's duty is to continue to bring light to their evil deeds. The following is not a complete list of everything we have recorded. To be frank, it's not balanced either. The following list focuses on the negative because these are the issues that must be brought to light.

Much of the following report lists times when staff were seen crammed behind the desk like sardines. The chow hall staff desk is about 5 x 5 square foot and the staff desk in the units are about 6 x 8 foot area.

Covid-19 Ocean Report

March 22, 2020: We learn of the [ajustfuture/covid-19](https://ajustfuture.org/covid-19) link for men to report issues about covid-19 to the governor. Wilson then made fliers with the link on it.

March 23, 2020, at 9:15 A.M.: Wilson was approached by staff in the hallway who did not appreciate the fliers. Wilson got written up for, "Unauthorized Control, Possession, Transfer, or Use of Property" and "Inciting/Unlawful Assembly/Protest." The write up said:

When questioned, Mr. Wilson admitted to passing out his ocean fliers to peers in the Complex building, stating he did not use the client mail process, as this was "urgent." The nature of this flier urged his peers to contact the Governor's office, to inform the Governor that he would be held responsible if clients were "not properly cared for during this covid -19 outbreak." Mr. Wilson continues to incite his peers with his ocean fliers and newsletters, which his treatment team has been addressing with him.

Here is what the flier said, word for word:

STOP WHAT YOU ARE DOING AND READ THIS! Let the governor know that if we are not properly cared for during this covid -19 outbreak, he will be held responsible. Have your family go to ajustfuture.org/covid-19 to have them fill out the form and have it sent electronically to the governor. Do it now. You don't know when we are getting locked down.

Wilson stresses the importance of acting immediately, because if the men get locked down to their rooms, they are more vulnerable to whatever the Gulag wants to do as they will not have access to the telephones. The two therapists that wrote Wilson up were particularly upset about this statement about getting "locked down." However, albeit not to their rooms, the next day, they did get locked down to the units.

After challenging the write up that Wilson received, it was confirmed and instead of 2 days of RS2, he was given 6 days. Among many consequences, this meant Wilson was only allowed to use the computer 2 hours out of the day, including the legal computer.

March 23, 2020: We have not been allowed to use cleaning supplies without staff permission for about 2 weeks now.

Wilson called and spoke with David Fenley at Homeland Security Emergency Management (HSEM). Wilson reported that: 1) J.B. was not allowed to wear a mask and got written up for coughing. 2) Clinicians are coming in to have one on one meetings with clients. 3) We were told to stay 3 feet from each other, as opposed to 6. 4) Wilson was written up for "inciting, unlawful assembly, and protest" for providing info about ajustfuture.org/covid19.

The day after this call to HSEM Nikki Boder, the head of nursing, received a phone call from Homeland Security. With this call, along with the advocacy work done on other units, including Russell's work across the hall, things slowly got better from that day on. However, the Gulag Administration has been resistant to make the required changes.

ocean sent a petition with 100+ signatures on it to the Attorney General, Keith Ellison. The petition called for the release of vulnerable populations, and those who are not dangerous. Those on the list include elderly, juvenile offenders, and those without criminal convictions.

March 26, 2020: M.W. asked, "Why clinical are here" The response came from Debbie James and Allison Collins, "They are essential medical staff treating mental illness." However, according to the variances, "the vast majority" of men here do not have a mental illness.

A gulag Memo on 3/26/20, says, "...Units are being called out as a community for dining, medications, linens, property, recreational activities ..."

Russell learns that staff aren't covered financially. If they get sick, they get sick. No hazard pay. Minimal protection against the covid -19.

In trying to get his inhaler, for his asthma, M.Wa. wrote a Client Medical Request. It states:

...shortness of breath, more problems at night, the day I came here 2/7/20 from DOC I was blowing a 250 on the meter... Had x-ray the day I left DOC, Did you get the results yet? It's like when I take a breath there's not enough oxygen levels once I've been here. Need to see a doctor.

The response to M.Wa's request states, "DOC shows you started the inhaler 2/5/2020 and doesn't list any respiratory diagnosis as discharge current problems or diagnosis." M.Wa. explains that the reason there is not a respiratory diagnosis is because M.Wa. was transferred to MSOP in the middle of the DOC running tests. Once he came to the gulag everything stopped. He even gave blood to have it tested over two weeks ago and it came back abnormal and no one has seen him on the issue since.

March 30, 2020: At 12:30 PM, 9 staff members, without masks on, were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. This is a about an 8 foot by 6 foot area.

March 31, 2020: At 8:30 AM, 6 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time and throughout the day, there were constantly 3-5 people behind the desk at one time.

A new gulag memo says, "...Effective April 1, 2020... Clients who have consented to treatment may choose not to attend scheduled groups but must understand that these groups are not "optional."

A.M. wrote a Client Request to his therapist, Bruce Beaman. It says:

My concern is that there are confirmed cases of covid -19 next door at Moose Lake Correctional Facility. Both Nikki Boder and Mike Lovingne (vending guy) both go back and forth between facilities. It's a matter of time before it gets here to this facility. I feel unsafe and uncomfortable going back to groups just to check in at times this point of time. If you want "social distancing" still to happen w/ 6 feet from one another, then I recommend that your staff personnel look at this more seriously than to force groups onto us when a lot of us are still emotional over this pandemic. Some of us have family and friends who have covid -19. Please show more empathy when you say that these groups are "not optional." That too me is saying that these groups are being forced upon us. I will not attend at this time. Thank You.

The response A.M. got from his therapist was, "I can appreciate your concerns for your health. Please continue to recommend hygiene practices to optimize staying healthy. Bruce Beaman." This is great. But we can't help but wonder why Wilson received a different response from a similar Client Request. In fact, they tried to send him to prison for missing only 3 groups during the covid -19 pandemic.

April 1, 2020: At 1:30 PM, 5 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 2:10 PM, 7 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 5:20 PM, 3 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 9:00 PM, 5 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. As of today, 600 people in MN have covid -19.

April 2, 2020: At 1:55 PM, the 1A unit director and 2 other staff were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. Today the president says that it is suggested that everyone wear a face mask. MSOP staff, of course, does not agree. A new memo posted on the units, says:

...As we enter the second week of the Governor's stay at home order, work has not ceased at MSOP... MSOP's goal is to continue to offer treatment and activities to clients, while maintaining social distancing and ensuring group gatherings have a limit of no more than 10.

gulag staff has never been seen to where masks to this point.

April 3, 2020: At 6:30 AM, 4 staff members were seen behind the desk, in the chow hall, at one time.

At 8:10 PM, 4 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 5:30 PM, 4 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time.

April 6, 2020: At 6:45 AM, 3 staff members were seen behind the desk, in the chow hall, at one time. At 9:20 PM, 6 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time.

While Wilson was talking to D.J. around 3:30 PM, they were interrupted by staff person Brittany Monette who said, "Your roommate M.B. is having a hard time breathing so according to current procedures, we need you to go to the team room." About 15 minutes later a nurse came to the unit and went into M.B.'s room without a face mask or gloves, took M.B.'s temperature, and left. Soon after, D.J. came out of the team room. Thank God, M.B. was fine, but the nurse handled this horribly.

April 7, 2020 as of today there are 1,069 confirmed covid -19 cases in Minnesota and 34 deaths.

At 9:45 AM, 7 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 1:15 PM, 4 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time. At 9:00 PM, 5 staff members were seen behind the 1A unit desk at one time.

There are 9 confirmed cases of covid -19 at the Moose Lake prison next door, and 13 suspected cases. All clients and staff at the Moose Lake prison have been given masks. We have not.

Anonymous staff have reported to ocean that administration are denying them facemasks alleging that it will give "permission" to detainees to wear them.

Today Wilson contacted C.H. and M.S. from Coalinga state hospital. M.S. said that before all groups were cancelled, about a month ago, they were told by clinical that they could not be punished for not attending groups. Soon after this, groups were shut down and have been for about a month.

Hoch said that there are no cases of covid -19 at their cite. Staff are wearing masks and the admissions unit has been cleaned out, releasing all who were in them. Everything has been canceled. They are fed in the units.

April 8, 2020: At 6:45 AM, 4 staff members were seen behind the 1A desk at one time. At 11:20 AM, 3 staff members were seen behind the 1A desk at one time. At 12:30 5 staff were seen at the desk.

Wilson went to the desk to get a Client Request signed and overheard a staff person say, "I think we've all got it anyway. Remember when the flu went through here? It went from unit to unit real fast. It was awesome!"

Staff have greatly downplayed the seriousness of coronavirus through such comments as, "If it gets in here it's just going to run its course and we'll come back to work." And "I don't see what everyone's panicking about." Others have been overheard commenting "If you have a concern, put in a Client Request."

Multiple clients have submitted request pertaining to groups still going on, concerns about staff bringing it in.

To date, Wilson has skipped 3 groups on the following days: March 5 and 12, and then on April 6, 2020. After talking to Debbie Davis about why the gulag staff tried to have Wilson's parole revoked she told Wilson that it was in part because he stopped going to group. Wilson called his parole officer who said that perhaps he could just do assignments instead and not go to group. Wilson agreed. However, Debbie Davis and Stacy Rhodes did not think that was good enough.

At 2:50 PM, 6 staff members were seen behind the desk, on 1E, at one time. At 2:55 PM, 4 staff members were seen behind the desk, on 1E. At 2:50 PM, 4 clinical members were seen walking around on 1E, socializing with clients not respecting the 6 feet social distance CDC recommendations. These clinical, as well as staff have not been wearing gloves or masks when interacting with clients.

Wilson sent a Client Request to Debbie Davis. It says, "Please see the letter sent to David Sorenson, my P.O. We talked and agreed I would do assignments during the covid -19 pandemic instead of go to group." The response on April 10, 2020 from Davis said, "As we talked, Dan, you can do assignments but that does not substitute coming to your groups. Treatment is groups and modules."

Wilson sent a Client Request to Debbie Davis that said:

...I am not comfortable going into a small room with staff. I am making a reasonable request to

continue my treatment, while also protecting myself from getting sick. I grew up with asthma and cannot take the risk of getting sick. Please meet me in the middle on this and send me assignments until the governor lifts the Stay-at-Home order – then I will come back to group. Thank You!

The response on April 10, 2020 said, “As we talked, this is not how MSOP treatment is structured but it is your choice”

April 9, 2020: At 8:25 AM, 5 staff at the desk on 1E at one time, no gloves, no mask. Clients still allowed to fill the chow hall for breakfast, lunch and dinner. 8:30 AM, 1E Clinician Ross Michael Peterson was seen at the staff desk wearing a face mask. Mr. Peterson is the only staff witnessed in the gulag to be wearing a protective face mask since the covid -19 Pandemic.

At 10:40 AM, K.D. returned from transport. He has not been offered a mask or gloves when he goes out for transport. He stated that there is a staff member in MSOP going around the facility offering mask to employees who are refusing to wear them. K.D. stated that all nurses and personnel at the hospital are wearing scrubs, gloves and face mask. When K.D raised the concern as to no employees at the Gulag wearing and PPE the nurse stated that they should be wearing PPE. The nurse stated to K.D that she is going to take his concern forward.

K.De’s mother called Star Tribune and KSTP Eyewitness news channel 5. Reported that that the men at the gulag are not able to wear masks but prisoners across the road are.

At 9AM, 7 staff at the desk at one time, 11 AM, 7 staff at the desk at one time. No mask or gloves.

April 10, 2020: At 7:30 AM, 4 staff at the 1E desk at one time, no masks, no gloves. It is rumored that Tara Osbourne has been going back and forth from the Moose Lake DOC to visiting with gulag on-site staff. At 12:30 PM Wilson saw L.C.L. walking through the hall. Cindy Cherro motioned for him to take the bandana off of his face.

Security counselors, A-team and clinical mingling with clients, still no masks or gloves.

April 11, 2020: At 8:15 AM there were 5 staff behind the unit 1A desk.

April 12, 2020: At 8:46 AM, 3 1E S.C. and one clinical behind desk. No mask or gloves. At 2:12 there were 6 staff behind the 1A desk.

Russell works in the kitchen Tuesdays, Thursdays, Fridays and Sundays. He reports that he has never seen kitchen staff wear face masks. [Gloves are mandatory. Just as are beard guards and hair nets.] Kitchen staff are around our food throughout their entire shifts.

At 8:31 PM, one nurse wearing face mask the other not wearing a face mask.

April 13, 2020: Faith, a Clinician from unit 8 at Moose Lake prison came to the gulag to work today. Unit 8 is supposedly where the first case of covid -19 came from.

Today, staff finally distributed face mask and instructions to clients.

April 14, 2020: 1E Clinical have reported that due to dual employment at Moose Lake Prison (DOC) and the gulag, they are going back and forth from the prison across the road to the prison. Multiple clients have expressed concern with the infection of covid -19 in the Moose Lake prison. CDC and W.H.O. have reported that the coronavirus can be spread/carried on peoples shoes.

The UCLA is suing the Moose Lake DOC to let 3 inmates out. ocean has written to the UCLA to get similar advocacy. We have not heard from them yet.

Ocean Voices Matter

ocean constructed a letter to Minnesota Legislators asking for their action during this historical time of crisis. The following is a word for word of what ocean asked men in the Minnesota Gulag to sign and send to their county of commit legislative representatives.

In the "Joint Statement from Elected Prosecutors on covid-19 and Addressing the Rights and Needs of Those in Custody," 31 of the nation's Prosecutors have stated:

...little attention is being paid to the millions of people in the most overcrowded conditions that are ripe for the spread of this contagious and deadly virus: the people behind bars in America's jails, prisons, and immigration detention centers. ...cash-based pretrial detention system, which keeps hundreds of thousands of people in jail prior to any determination of guilt...

We fall into this category of "pre-conviction" detainees because we are being held for crimes we are presumed to commit. With covid -19 spreading rapidly, all of the citizens in these facilities and the surrounding area are highly susceptible.

If covid -19 gets into the MSOP facilities, it will have a devastating effect on the men that live here, those that work here, and those in the surrounding community. We urge you to endorse the release of the following 5 categories of men from the MSOP facilities:

- Elderly Men: There are many elderly men at MSOP. The oldest is 89 years old. Several of these men have underlining health conditions. If these men get COVID-19, their chances of survival are minimal. These men should be discharged immediately to the care of their families, or transferred to where they are more likely to find adequate health care.
- Men In CPS. The 88 men that have reached CPS status and are considered to have worked to the highest stage of treatment before Provisional Discharge (PD). These men do not pose a threat to the community and should be released immediately.
- Juvenile Offenders: These men only offended when they were still children. These individuals are harmless and should be released immediately.
- Men Without Convictions: at least 12% of this population consists of men who have no criminal record at all. These men do not pose a threat to the community. They should be released immediately to lower the spread of covid -19.
- Those Without A Current Presentation Of Mental Illness: It has been estimated that up to 400 men at MSOP could be safely released into the community. A team of Psychiatrists [not psychologists], via ITV, must evaluate the remaining population to see who can safely be released.

We are urging you to listen to the professionals and immediately discharge those that do not pose a risk to the public, as we have identified above.

Respectfully,

Printed Name

Enc.: "Joint Statement from Elected Prosecutors on covid-19 and Addressing the Rights and Needs of Those in Custody," and;

SEX OFFENSE LITIGATION AND POLICY RESOURCE CENTER Strategies for reducing covid-19 exposure by revising the implementation of registration policies, housing banishment laws, and other restrictions impacting people with convictions.

Drop Testimony

Personal Testimony of Kevin Beaulieu

Hi, my name is Kevin Aaron Beaulieu I am 38 years old and have been civilly committed since 2009. At my hearing the Judge knew this is an indefinite commitment that there is no way out. My probation officer knew this place was wrong also. Although I have committed sex related crimes in the past, I was not sent here for a sex related crime. My last sex related crime was in July of 2001. I was sent here over a probation violation, and I should not have even been on probation - it was a 4th degree assault! My probation officer told MSOP he will not violate me unless I did some major crime. The examiners will tell you that this is a "bread and butter facility," the best of the best. At least that's what they told my Judge. He was gullible to believe them. So here I sit, cut off from my family and culture. I am and have been a Native American Indian Pipe Carrier for the last year. I am also the Liaison for the Native American Indian Group.

Ever since coming here I have taken every opportunity to take higher education/college courses. I have not failed or given up on any of them. I have completed the Horticulture Generalist course and the Culinary Arts course. This year they are offering Advanced Horticulture, which I have yet to get into. I have fulfilled my educational needs keeping my Piat-R scores above 10 so that I can continue to take higher education classes.

My mom and I are the only ones in my family to graduate high school and go straight into college. My major in college was Auto-mechanics and my minor was in Psychology. I continue to work. I guess it was ingrained in me to have a strong work ethic, thanks to my father.

I once stab someone in the hand with a pen here at the facility. The person could not hear no and wanted to be sexual and I do not get down like that. After telling him 5-6 times to keep his hands to himself I gave up and stabbed him in the hand. Administration took my job for 2 years, and forced me back to groups, before I could go back to work. But I was the bad guy, not the one who was trying to sexually assault me.

I am back to working again even though it's just on the unit. I was asked by my former supervisor, when I plan on applying back to his crew here at the facility. Once an opening comes up again, since I missed the last one by days, I'll apply. I worked for him for three years with no issues. I was never even late to work before. We had the horticulture generalist work group for a couple of weeks. Then the covid-19 and it was shut down at least for now. I was already told once it came available again I would be considered once again for the position. In horticulture we grow vegetables that we later get to eat at chow time. I have worked for: Kitchen/Food Service (five years), Maintenance (three years), Unit Cleaning and Horticulture/Vocational Shop (three months/ever since I have been eligible to work again.)

I have participated in treatment for seven or eight years before signing out as a non-participant. I was forced to sign back in to treatment, in order to get a job. Even though it had nothing to do with treatment. After a couple of years of participating in treatment I was advance to Phase II. Although it may seem hopeless and no one goes anywhere I still remain in treatment. I do not have any parole or conditional release or anything to keep me in treatment either, which is why some people remain in treatment. I can only hope that my Reservation will take me into their Civil Commitment Program, then I will not be so isolated and cut off from my family or support.

Drop Testimony

Personal Testimony of Kevin Johnson

My mom had moved back to Minnesota November 12, 2019 from Mississippi to start her treatment for stage 4 breast cancer and to be closer to our family. On January 20, 2020 I found out that my mom was passing.

I submitted a Client Request to Ann Linkert, Security Director with an attached a document for a death bed visit. I indicated the policy and procedures to follow. Additionally, I requested a reasonable accommodation to have the black box and hand cuffs removed during the deathbed visit with my mom so that I could hug and hold her during this very difficult time.

Ms. Linkert replied to the request on January 27, 2020 stating the following: "Kevin, I am sorry to hear about your mother's passing. And that a deathbed visit could not be arranged. I will be looking for any paperwork coming my way should you be requesting a funeral visit. Thank you."

On January 21, 2020, I submitted another request to unit 1E Client Resource Coordinator, Meg McCauley requesting the same. Providing contact information, my sisters name, the hospital number and room my mother was in. Ms. McCauley replied on January 22, 2020: "You stated to stop on the visit. I will work on a funeral visit."

On Tuesday January 21st and Wednesday, January 22nd I didn't go to work. I approached unit 1E staff desk and talked to Security Counselors Mark Hanson and Kyle Rodgers to inform them of the situation, that I was not going to work my shift on Tuesday January 21st and Wednesday, January 22nd. I spoke to Kevin Gilpin, Kitchen Work-For-Pay Supervisor to discuss my not coming into work due to grieving for my mother. Gilpin informed me to have unit staff confirm my situation then to notify Gilpin, which they did.

On Thursday Work-For-Pay Coordinator Becky Olson and Primary Therapist Christi Leonard-Rivers came and asked to meet with them in the commons area. Rivers and Olson said nothing about me grieving my mother, but rather to enforce some unknown policy-guideline. The first thing they said was that I missed a shift. I said I missed *two* shifts. Then they said there's a procedure to follow for missing your assigned vocational shift. Then I stated to them to do whatever they want. They then said together; "Oh no, we came to offer you support and see if you would like to take a week off or so." Then I told them I was good and that I only needed the two days I took off.

Here at the Minnesota Gulag, there is nothing in place for a client to follow for an immediate response when such circumstances arise. Which means if I had followed the provided procedure, I would have had to wait up to ten days or longer to receive each response. Most Client Requests can take up to three months for an answer, if any is received at all. Even though, policy states that a response must be provided not exceeding ten days.

Neither Dr. Farmer nor Dr. Brister-Korby came and talked with me to see how I was dealing with my mother's terminal illness prior to my submitting the request. It was only after, did they came and talk with me. However, they never replied in writing to my requests. This is a slap in the face when MSOP staff, including clinical, doctors, psychologist and security talk to us about "transparency" and "accountability." The truth is, they lack the ethics or morals to check on their clientele when they know they are going through very difficult experiences.

ocean Editor Russell comments:

In the Minnesota Gulag - MSOP Clinical do not comply with the HIPPOCRATIC OATH! "First do no harm."

Even though Mr. Kevin Johnson got to attend his mother's funeral. He did so in full restraints. Meaning he was shackled at the ankles by double lock cuffs. He was also fully restrained around his waist by a steal chain which links through a black box housing double locked handcuffs with a small padlock securing his full restraints.

This is the most inhumane, degrading and dehumanizing mal-treatment exhibited by the Minnesota Gulag. The same would've applied if he visited her on a deathbed as is Minnesota Gulag policy.

Mr. Johnson was denied the most basic human rights and respects – to embrace his mother one last time for the rest of his life. Where is this Minnesota Nice? Where is the dignity and humanity of Minnesotans who allow such injustices to occur for 26 years! [RJH]

Drop Testimony
The Debwewiin: Denial
By Ocean Defender: Russell John Hatton

Debwewiin In Ojibwe Means Truth; Truth In Word, Integrity, Honor, Loyalty,
Humility, Courage, Deed, Love, Accountability And Responsibility.....
But Foremost, In Heart...

Denial...

Denial is the most easily accepted human adaptation.

It is a way of dismissing the truth of the reality of what a person is currently experiencing. This includes our memories of the past, and the expectations of the future.

One must question if we all are in a constant state of denial...

Fluctuating from impulse to impulse, reacting off of emotional, learned-behaviors... Sitting and ruminating on the imagined unrealistic opportunities.

Yet we are perceived as possessing some cohort criminal misdeeds, the irrational reasons for the violations of misunderstood privacy, the intentions to cell (room) searches for alleged "contraband," illegal imports, smuggled goods...

A crock of ish...

FEAR keeps us passive or passive-aggressive to the transgressions afflicted upon us – all due to the unconstitutional truths and avoidance, projection of blame and denial of the Minnesota Gulag committing their direct criminal acts of inhumane treatment and preventive detention.

Yet some extend their hand for them to hold, seeking an uncompassionate coddling and superficial interaction.

I understand it – the child runs to the parent when hurt even though this affliction of pain has originally come from the parent.

Minnesota Gulag counselors, have no genuine concern nor compassion, or rather more correctly – heartfelt empathy. It is their training to not have any form of emotional investment or expression for a subclass of societies "ills" and alleged and stigmatized "worst-of-the-worst."

There have been ongoing case studies to research the impacts of isolation and disregard of human life. How will the general public act/react in that area of society? As you can see, they have been passive – only because there is some form of gain.

The sole-intent is your lifetime imprisonment until DEATH. History has and continues to show that such atrocious acts have been intentional, and are always done with malicious intent. Resentful projection.

Many, whether you want to acknowledge it or not, are going to be held here until death, if the courts do not rule in our favor. We have been labeled as the "worst-of-the-worst," unfit for general society and therefore should be detained until death with the ill-distortion that we are genetically flawed and therefore must not be allowed to procreate ...

That is reality. Suck it up!

It is pertinent that you face your fears head-on – or you may never overcome the victimization you suffered (and continue to suffer) when you learned the inappropriate behaviors that have brought you down this horrible road of being victimized by a twisted and contorted stigma of being labeled as a "sex offender." (in truth, you are a Man).

How false this is...

There exist no such thing as a "sex offender" – you committed a sexual assault, a criminal act – continuing to project this label only further stigmatizes and trains you and those you project this label upon as being deserving of this maltreatment. This daily abuse of perceiving yourself and those around you as less than serves no purpose...

They say people only fear what they do not understand. And in all this time – twenty plus years – have I witnessed anyone making genuine efforts to exhibit a public display to bring some sense to this misunderstanding?

Understandably – Minnesota Gulag directly constricts and chokes any abilities to display this passiveness to the public. They say we are here for “Public Safety.” Your continued participation in this charade insinuates that you may be a threat to Public Safety.

You must seriously question your every intention of conformity, passive-complacency if you see yourself as being a threat, dangerous to the public, to the communities or to your family...

This is what you are exhibiting and saying, in your continued participation, what clinical experts have said, in court, and on the internet – is illegal, unconstitutional, immoral and inhumane.

The truth is: you are nothing more than a statistic in some human research project under the guise of Public Safety and for alleged “treatment professionals” to receive monetary gain at the end of every two weeks.

I get it. But I will never understand how humanity lowers their personal values and morals to such blatant abuse of another human being just so they can have their material possessions, etc... something is seriously wrong here...

The Debwewiin: Denial II: A Hard, Close Look at Lateral Violence at the Minnesota Gulag

A loved one shared a story with me before, on lateral violence in tribal communities. At the time, I was saddened that there was so much negativity. So much hate.

The story of lateral violence is that this type of thinking was manufactured a long time ago, purposely, by Indian agents when we were first forced on to the reservation (POW camps). Prior to rez life, when we were free, we functioned more cohesively as a tribe. We depended on each other. We shared. We worked together. We cared for one another so deeply. We were virtually unbreakable in our bands. The only way for the government and namely the Indian agents to break our collective power, was for him to create dissension, competition, and jealousy amongst us.

So then was birthed a master plan. Give only some Indians shovels and blankets. Ensure there isn't enough for everyone. Those at the end of the line leave empty handed.

“Why do they get a shovel (Phase II)?”

“Where is my blanket (TIER 4)?”

“Why do they get land (more work hours)?”

“Now they think they're better than me.”

“They're not better than me.

Did you know that they (fill in the blank).” Etc.....

...The infighting begins. Our voices became harsher, and angrier. Our focus became on others, on calling down even our very own relatives. Especially those who are struggling rather than lending a helping hand. We became disillusioned by competition and comparison. Thinking we are better than rather than equals.

And when we see others struggle, we speak so loudly of our dislike of them. We speak with harsh tones, and harsh words, and we make great efforts to bring them down or keep them down.

Some become fixated on the blessings of others. We become obsessed with bashing them.

Flash forward to the present day...

We carry that residue. We are unhappy. We see some with, and many without. And this is hurtful. It hurts us to see others rise, because we struggle. Jealousy and envy become the dominant attitudes rather than love and compassion. And maybe we just don't like them. So be it.

But there is something especially tragic about the very real realities of manufactured lateral violence of institutionalized people, considering where it comes from, and how much it prevails despite the fact that this is not who our communities were.

This Should not be Who We Are

Our geographic isolation in the Minnesota Gulag today can be so oppressive and subjective. That isolation has been detrimental so much to our cognitive development, emotional development, physical development and spiritual development, to our cultures, to our families and even our resources.

That same isolation coupled with our history of Adverse Childhood Experiences, political stigmatization, and manufactured infighting has also become breeding grounds for toxic gossip, envy, jealousy and lateral violence that hurts us, and re-traumatizes our community, over and over.

It keeps us stuck.

We will never be happy this way.

We will never heal as a community when lateral violence reigns supreme.

When bitterness, and scowls, gossip, vindictiveness and ugly words become the norm.

When we forget how to listen with compassion, and speak with thoughtful words.

When we forget we are equals, when we forget how to help one another through struggles and nurture one another's accomplishments.

I pray so much for healing for our communities, both internal and external, so that we can reach a place where we can understand where this dysfunction comes from.

Where we can recognize that this is not who we are.

Where we can feel good about ourselves, work together, communicate more positively and effectively, and be happy for one another, to be an actual community of human beings, where we lift each other, and by doing so, we lift ourselves too.

Debwe means Truth in the dictionary today, yet it has greater meaning than that. Debwe: Truth - The Heart taking a breath of life. Heart, Action. - TRUTH.

Truth is to know all of these things. Speak the truth. Do not deceive yourself or others.

"I don't like these cold, precise, perfect people who, in order not to speak wrong, never speak at all, and in order not to do wrong, never do anything."

~Henry Ward Beecher

Brainwashing AKA "Coercive Persuasion"

Systematic effort to persuade nonbelievers to accept a certain allegiance, command, or doctrine. A colloquial term, it is more generally applied to any technique designed to manipulate human thought or action against the desire, will, or knowledge of the individual. By controlling the physical and social environment, an attempt is made to destroy loyalties to any unfavorable groups or individuals, to demonstrate to the individual that his attitudes and patterns of thinking are incorrect and must be changed, and to develop loyalty and unquestioning obedience to the ruling party. [Unquestionable ingratiating]

The term is most appropriately used in reference to a program of political or religious indoctrination or ideological remolding. The techniques of brainwashing typically involve isolation from former associates and sources of information; an exacting regimen requiring absolute obedience and humility; strong social pressures and rewards for cooperation; physical and psychological punishments for non-cooperation ranging from social ostracism and criticism, deprivation of food, sleep, and social contacts, to bondage and torture; and continual reinforcement.

The nature of brainwashing as it occurred in communist political prisons received widespread attention after the Chinese Communist victory in 1949 and after the Korean and Vietnamese wars. More recently, its reported use in fringe religious cults and radical political groups has aroused concern in the United States.

Deprogramming, or reversing the effects of brainwashing through intensive psychotherapy and confrontation, has proved somewhat successful, particularly with religious cult members.

The depth and permanence of changes in attitude and point of view depend on the personality of the individual, degree of motivation to be reformed, and the degree to which the environment supports the new frame of reference.

- Encyclopedia Britannica

Drop Poetry
By Anonymous

“Abstract/Long-Suffering”
“Misconstrued as a mental patient...”

reabeled as a “client” for financial
exploitation... ..feeling left in the dark ~

...prologue...

I am an invisible man.
No I am not a spook like those
who haunted Edgar Allan Poe;

Nor am I one of your
Hollywood movie ectoplasms.
I am a man of substance, of flesh and bone,
fiber and liquids ~

and I might even be said to possess a mind.
I am invisible, understand, simply because
people refuse to see me.

Like the bodiless heads you see
sometimes in circus sideshows,
it is as though I have been surrounded by
mirrors of hard, distorted glass.

When they approach me they see only
my surroundings, themselves, or
figments of their imaginations ~
indeed, everything and anything
except me...

Nor is my invisibility exactly a matter of
a biochemical accident to my epidermis.

That invisibility to which I refer occurs
because of an ...

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intentionally fabricated and
dehumanizing stigma.

Premeditated to provoke fear into
the masses,

Minnesota enacted the broadest scheme in the country after just 97 minutes
of discussion.

They did so in the midst of a moral panic over one inmate’s potential release...

Minnesota then failed and
continues to fail

to provide resources so that those detained –
receive accredited treatment,
and it did not enact procedures
to ensure that those
Who no longer pose a risk...

Are released...

Anyone wishing to share their poetry, lyrics or short stories can submit them to ocean for consideration in future ocean newsletter issues.

Facts vs. Fear

ocean is determined to share the Facts about the psychological, emotional, and financial cost of preventive detention and dispel the myths of the media, Hollywood and Legislators.

FEAR

“...the rate of recidivism of untreated offenders has been estimated to be as high as 80%.” ¹

vs.

FACT

“...studies show that this high-recidivism claim is false. A 2003 Department of Justice study of nearly 10,000 released sex offenders found that only 5.3% were arrested for a sex crime within three years of release.” ²

FEAR

Minnesota enacted the broadest scheme in the country after just ninety minutes of discussion. They did so in the midst of a moral panic over one inmate’s potential release. ³

vs.

FACT

Forty years of research has showed that “moral panics” can have profound and devastating effects on vulnerable populations. ⁴

FEAR

“Men indefinitely civilly committed are there because of the crimes they committed.”

vs.

FACT

“Minnesota’s... civil-commitment scheme indefinitely incarcerates individuals who have already served their sentences. This practice violates the fundamental right to be free from physical restraint without due process and represents a troubling erosion of liberty.” ⁵

FEAR

The Minnesota Gulag exists to: “...promote public safety by providing comprehensive treatment and reintegration opportunities for civilly committed sexual abusers.” ⁶

vs.

FACT

“On the larger scale, when reviewing the MSOP program as a whole, and as identified by the 706 Experts, it appears that from start to finish there are systemic issues. From the way the Minnesota Commitment and Treatment Act (“Commitment Act”) was written and implemented, on to the proper assessment of the potential candidate, through to the actual legal commitment and then on to the placement of the individual into the MSOP, errors are being made at each step which have been known for years, yet never corrected. Once committed to MSOP, from the point of assessment, to treatment planning and on to monitoring the individual’s progress, the errors continue. When the individual reaches the point of measuring “change” to determine if the treatment has been effective, we find a further systemic breakdown. The result is that a culture of failure has developed; the program has become ineffective to the

point where no individual has ever achieved the goal of full discharge”⁷

Footnotes

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