

## ocean newsletter

Overcoming Corruption Encouraging All Nations  
Encouraging Offenders to Become Defenders

Defender: "1. to protect from danger, attack, or harm... 2. To support or maintain, as by argument or action; justify... to make a defense... lat. *Defendere*, to ward off..." (American Heritage Dictionary)

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1st Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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*In this issue ocean celebrates the conclusion of our 1<sup>st</sup> year in print. This issue reflects on the most important issues of the past year. Remember, ocean is not an organization. You either are, or you are not Overcoming Corruption Encouraging All Nations.*

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# We Want Your Story!

It takes many drops to make the ocean. That means you matter. Send us your story about how you or someone you know has been affected by the civil commitment madness where you are. We are also interested in poetry, art and stories from your family about how knowing a civil detainee was affected you. Please adhere the following rules for submission:

1. Let us know what facility you, or your loved one is in.
2. State, in writing, that you give OCEAN permission to put your story in the OCEAN Newsletter.
3. Let us know if you, or others in your story, would like to remain anonymous. If you do not clarify this, we will NOT use real names.

OCEAN newsletters are distributed to other facilities around the country and are placed onto the internet as well. If this is a concern for you, you may want to remain anonymous.

It is important that your story is heard. If you are not comfortable writing telling your story for any reason, please write to us and we'll address your concerns. OCEAN is written by men who are also civilly detained in a pre-crime-life-sentence. We understand.

For those that receive hard copies of the OCEAN Newsletter:

## Attention

We don't want more readers. We want the right readers.

This issue of the ocean Newsletter will be your last, unless you have contacted us in the past or you contact us after receiving this issue. When you write, it is important to tell us why you want the ocean Newsletter or other editions of our publications.

In our first year, many requests have come in for ocean Newsletters. Due to limited funds we are filtering our distribution of the OCEAN Newsletter (which exposes corruption of the Minnesota Gulag), the OCEAN Special (meant for the men held at the Minnesota Gulag), OCEAN Waves newsletter (for the Body of Christ) and the upcoming *OCEAN Tsunami Skillz* newsletter (for the Artists).

Please understand, the ocean reading materials are not meant to be "positive." They are not easy reading materials for your "pleasure." In fact, they are meant to stir your heart and mind to motivate you to fight corruption in your own life, especially if you or someone you love is being held hostage in a so-called, "civil commitment" center.

Keep in mind that the OCEAN Newsletter is also online at:

**[ajustfuture.org/category/ocean-newsletters](http://ajustfuture.org/category/ocean-newsletters)**

# ocean anniversary

The OCEAN Newsletter is celebrating its 1st year in print!

August marks the 1 year anniversary of the OCEAN Newsletter. This is actually a sad event. We hoped that so-called, “civil commitment” would be destroyed by now. But here we are.

We started printing after recognizing a crucial need for public support. In our first year we have made progress and developed vital relationships. We now pray that the next 12 months will be even more fruitful.

In this issue we will take a brief look at some of our most important stories so that new readers will have an overview of our purpose and direction.

In our first issue, we came in like a battering ram by explaining how the gulag Administrative Variances have kept men indefinitely detained at this maximum security prison masquerading as a “treatment center.”

Rule 26 was established to govern the gulag as a hospital. However, there is an option to ask the Department of Human Services (DHS) for accommodations in the event that the gulag cannot follow Rule 26. This accommodation is called a “Variance.” Multiple approved Variances moved the facility away from a Medical Model and the constraints of following the various state codes outlined in Minnesota Rules. They did this because Nancy Johnston, the Executive Director of the gulag, and her minions know that the men detained here are not mentally ill, but they want to keep us for life.<sup>1</sup>

It is the clinicians job to pose as a friend, but work as a spy. Every word said by the men who live here is recorded and sent to the Attorney General who represents the states interest to keep the men detained.

Those that currently work at the gulag fall into one of two categories: they are either new naïve bright eyes hoping to change a system they know is corrupt by becoming a part of it or they are the “left overs of the left overs” of decades of staff that have had the integrity to walk away from what is clearly wrong.<sup>2</sup>

Our children should never be exploited for any reason. The PPG is required for the men at the gulag to “move forward” in the “program.” It is used to try to detect pedophile thoughts by using a stretchable band with mercury inside which is fitted around the subject’s penis. The band is connected to a machine with a video screen and data recorder. Any changes in the penis size, even those not felt by the subject, are recorded while the subject views sexually suggestive or pornographic pictures and listens to audiotapes with descriptions of children being molested and raped, as well as other disgusting variations of images and audio descriptions.

Whoever approved of the use of pictures of underage children, including babies in diapers, to be used in the penile-plethysmograph (PPG) should be arrested and charged for the production and distribution of child pornography.<sup>3</sup>

The Minnesota Commitment and Treatment Act, which is the law governing the standard for how someone gets “committed” in Minnesota, defines that Minnesota’s interest in enacting so called, “civil commitment” laws lies in both protecting the public from sexual violence and rehabilitating the mentally ill. But it does neither. It does not act as a deterrent to those who want to sexually offend, because most of the public does not know it exists, and it surly does not “rehabilitate” anyone.

With any other profession consisting of “sick” people, if the client does not get well, it is the fault of the doctors and nurses, not the clients. Any clinician who decides to get an education to help others, should expect to see the results of their hard work. However, clinical at the gulag are like surgeons who simply leave their patients on the operation table to die because no one ever gets rehabilitated here. Without growth, there is no life and those that work at the gulag are satisfied with their work environment and its lack of life, vitality, or joy.<sup>4</sup>

We all want to think clearly and make good choices and all humans – at some point in their lives – struggle with what professionals call, “mental health” issues. However, since 1952, there has been a 234% increase in the number of mental disorders. This is dramatically expanding the realm of psychiatry and narrowing the gap of normality – converting millions of people from being without mental disorders to being psychiatrically “sick.” Their criteria are based on psychiatric opinion only. The claim is that the issue is one of “chemical imbalance.” However, there is no way to prove this. There are no blood tests, X-rays, brain scans or any other medical test to confirm any of these “mental disorders.”<sup>5</sup>

Attorney John Grzybek, who was at the 1994 Legislative Hearings on the Minnesota Sex Offender Commitment Bill, admitted blatantly:

No one has, I think, really been honest as to what we’re trying to do here.... we want to get you life! ... It

is essentially a life sentence...<sup>6</sup>

The idea of “psychology” is honorable in that helping people who struggle with their mental state makes sense. However, the gulag’s application of “psychology” has been a failure. Instead of treating mental illness and releasing men, the gulag has killed many people.

The amount of people that have died while in the care of Peter Puffer, Nancy Johnston, Jannine Hebert and all their minions, compared to those that have received treatment for their “mental illness,” is staggering. After the recent deaths of Bruce Foley and Robert Scott, the gulag body count is now at 75. “Civil Commitment,” at least in Minnesota, doesn’t work, it is too expensive,<sup>7</sup> and it sets a precedent that opens the door for everyday people to become confined to prison for no reason.

No NFL team has ever made it to the Super Bowl and said, “Oh, no. I don’t want to do this. It’s too difficult.” That would be ridiculous. Instead, every team that makes it to the Super Bowl is honored to be there to challenge the best.

This is how I [Daniel] feel about being so called, “Civilly Committed.” This is the Super Bowl of my intellect, my emotional health, and above all, my faith. I have come too far in life to turn down this opportunity to fight against such a worthy opponent. I say bring it on Minnesota Gulag!

I [Russell] have been indefinitely institutionalized going on 12 years in one of America’s Pandora box institutions. For those who don’t know, the Minnesota Gulag is Minnesota’s Bermuda Triangle, where some of America’s subclass human beings are sent to vanish from society. As a co-founder of OCEAN, I am intent on bringing light to not only our invisibility, but also the invisibility society exhibits for the victims of sexual violence. Money is being wasted on this gulag while it could be used to serve victims of sexual violence.

OCEAN is founded on Empathy. This gulag was created out of moral panics that politicians exploited to gain popularity and votes for repeated terms. Unconstitutional laws, statutes, and punitive policies have been created to maintain the distorted perception that the worst of the worst are being “committed.” It is those who are experiencing such injustice who must speak up!<sup>8</sup>

We implore the Minnesota Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Auditor to investigate the Medicaid Minnesota Counties are collecting which is alleged to be for the Cost of Care of Minnesota County’s patients detained at the Minnesota gulag.

The men at the gulag are billed for their Cost of Care. For example, OCEAN Editor Russell Hatton’s Cost of Care bill is totaled at approximately \$1.5 million after being unconstitutionally detained for twelve (12) years in this gulag.

OCEAN Editor Daniel Wilson, became officially “committed” on April 17, 2017. On September 10, 2019 he received a bill from the DHS for \$102,759.00. That’s actually only about a third of what the taxpayers pay to keep him here at the gulag.

OCEAN believes that the Minnesota DHS and the gulag, along with the Minnesota counties Health and Human Services are working in collusion to cover up and mislead the Minnesotans and the Minnesota Senate Health and Human Services Committee and the Office of Legislative Auditor, James Noble about the significant Medicaid Fraud occurring through the Minnesota Department of Health and Human Services (\$300,000,000.00 to be exact!).<sup>9</sup>

We all want to live in safe communities and we all believe in the Presumption of Innocence. However, to get indefinitely civilly committed in Minnesota it is not necessary to prove that a person is out of control, or that s/he is physically violent, but only that s/he was emotionally harmful to others. In court, hearsay is admissible. Allegations are admissible. Self-disclosed crimes, even admitted as part of treatment... from decades ago... are admissible. The person being considered for commitment does not have a right to a jury trial and not even a single sex offense conviction is necessary. In fact, 12% of the men indefinitely committed at the gulag have either no felony conviction of any kind, or have an “unknown” criminal record. That means that there are about 87 men without a criminal history, indefinitely committed to the gulag right now.

Minnesota Department of Corrections Director Grant Duwe concluded that:

Nearly two-thirds of these offenders would be unlikely to be rearrested for another sex offense in their lifetime if they were released.<sup>10</sup>

Those who have committed crimes of a sexual nature are not nearly as dangerous as the media makes them out to be. In the report: “Residency Restrictions for Sexual offenders in Minnesota: False Perceptions for Community Safety” written by the Association for the Treatment of Sexual Abusers, Richard Weinberger, the following was stated:

“During the past 16 years, not one sex offender released from a MCF (Minnesota Correctional Facility) has been reincarcerated for a sex offense in which he made contact with a juvenile victim near a school, park, or daycare center close to his home.”<sup>11</sup>

Being persistent and consistent when confronting a corrupt system is essential. We do not plan on letting up any time soon! We understand that it seems hopeless to fight back, but it's not about odds. It doesn't matter how likely it is that we will be successful. It is about preserving your personal dignity and living with purpose.

Who are you? Why are you on this planet. What is all of this for? If you have not asked and answered these questions, you are not living yet.

Perhaps you don't think you have what it takes. Your probably right. Alone, you don't have what it takes. But there are many other supporters out there that want to see you go home and become a productive member of society. But more important than that, they want to see justice served. Good people rejoice when bad people are held accountable.

We are 100% human being and fully capable of loving compassion. We are Overcomers. We take the challenge of achieving freedom against all odds. This is not only the fight of our lives, it is the fight of our generation. Think about it. If this so-called, “Civil Commitment” continues the way it is, it could lead to justifying the indefinite incarceration of millions of people. This can be done by the power of a psychiatrist's opinion about your “mental health” and their prediction of your ability to commit a crime or hurt someone in the future, whether you have done anything in the past or not.

Our time has come to demand accountability from the leaders of this scheme. So what do you do now? Read, Write, Speak up, Overcome.<sup>12</sup>

We all want our information to be protected. When you are so called, “Civilly Committed,” there is data and information that is authored and maintained about you by others and the committing court maintains data regarding your “Findings of Facts.” Also, the Minnesota Department of Human Services maintains data post-commitment, relative to your admission and detention at the gulag in Minnesota.

While at the gulag, you are given Quarterly Reports, Annual Reports and Annual Mental Health Assessments. If you do not agree with what is in the records, do what is called a “Data Challenge” [Data Accuracy and Completeness Challenge, according to the requirements of Minn. Stat. § 246B.01 Chapter 13].

If you don't challenge the incorrect data, some of you will be given non-petitioned reviews or random audits or Hospital Review Board reviews.

Minn. Stat. §144.32 False Statements Cause For Discharge says:

Any intentionally false statement in such certificate and any act or omission of a superintendent or superior officer to connive at or permit the same shall be deemed good cause for summary discharge of the person at fault regardless of any contract.

Minnesota statute §253D.03 General Provisions says:

The provisions of section §253B.23 apply to commitments under this chapter except where inconsistent with this chapter.

MN §253D.03 , Subd. 3. False reports says:

Any person who willfully makes, joins in, or advises the making of any false petition or report, or knowingly or willfully makes any false representation for the purpose of causing the petition or report to be made or for the purpose of causing an individual to be improperly committed under this chapter, is guilty of a gross misdemeanor. The attorney general or the attorney general's designee shall prosecute violations of this section.

It is your responsibility to hold accountable those who are reporting your data. And to assure that they are recording your data accurately and honestly.<sup>13</sup>

According to the Encyclopedia Britannica, “Narcissism” is defined as a:

Mental disorder characterized by extreme self-absorption, an exaggerated sense of self-importance, and a need for attention and admiration from others... In addition to an inflated self-image and addiction to

fantasy, narcissism is characterized by an unusual coolness and composure, which is shaken only when the narcissistic confidence is threatened, and by the tendency to take others for granted or to exploit them...

In the DSM-5 Narcissistic Personality Disorder is defined as a:

...pervasive pattern of grandiosity... need for admiration, and lack of empathy... [and] as indicated by five or more of the following: 1. Has a grandiose sense of self-importance... 2. Is preoccupied with fantasies of unlimited success, power, and brilliance... 3. Believes that he or she is "special"... 4. Requires excessive admiration. 5. Has a sense of entitlement (i.e., unreasonable expectations of especially favorable treatment or automatic compliance with his or her expectations). 6. Is interpersonally exploitative (i.e., takes advantage of others to achieve his or her own ends). 7. Lacks empathy: is unwilling to recognize or identify with the feelings and needs of others. 8. Is often envious of others or believes that others are envious of him or her. 9. Shows arrogant, haughty behaviors or attitudes.

The parallels between narcissism and the general attitude of most of the gulag clinicians is uncanny.<sup>14</sup> Existing law allows a court to commit an individual to a less-restrictive alternative if the individual:

...establishes by clear and convincing evidence that a less restrictive treatment program is available that is consistent with the patient's treatment needs and the requirements of public safety." (Minn. Stat. § 253B.185, Subd. 1(d) (2012))

However, the lack of programs and facilities makes this provision of limited value. The Commissioner may request proposals on an ongoing basis. So how-bout it Commissioner Harpstead?<sup>15</sup>

Taxpayer money should be spend wisely. Minnesota taxpayers spent \$118 million in fiscal year 2019 on a treatment that the gulag is not licensed to provide. The gulag is licensed to provide treatment, "...subject to the standards of Ch. 245A and Minn. Rules, part 9515.3000 to 9515.3110." However, there is a law in Minnesota that allows the DHS commissioner to depart from the rules that govern the gulag. This departure is called a "variance." A variance is like a waiver that allows the license holder to do something other than what the license would normally permit.

In 2005 the gulag applied for a "permanent variance" to Minnesota Rule 9515.3030 subpart. The original rule states:

A psychiatrist must evaluate each person within three working days after the person is admitted and reevaluate each person at least annually." A permanent variance is restricted to protect detainees from being negatively affected by these changes. For instance, a permanent variance, "...cannot compromise the qualifications of staff to provide services..."

However, with the variance that alters Minn. rule 9515.3030 subpart 2, the gulag no longer has to allow psychiatrists to evaluate detainees. Instead, the gulag can use either a "licensed mental health professional" or a "licensed-eligible psychologist." Although the variance is "...compromising the qualifications of staff..." The gulag never gave a time limit for it and has renewed it repeatedly throughout the years. The variance has remained in effect since 2005.

Minn. Rule 9515.3030 subpart 2 is governed by a particular Minnesota law. The rule states, in relevant part:

The commissioner shall establish an evaluation process to measure outcomes and behavioral changes as a result of treatment compared with incarceration without treatment, to determine the values, if any, of treatment in protecting the public.

This law tells us that it is not necessary to provide treatment to all detainees. Some will need it. Some will not. In addition, the law that governs a detainee's discharge from the gulag says if a detainee "...is no longer in need of treatment..." he must be released. However, without each detainee getting evaluated by a psychiatrist, there is no way to know who no longer needs treatment.

The Minnesota Judiciary has consistently ruled that a person must have a "mental illness" to be committed to the gulag. A "Person who is mentally ill" is defined by Minnesota law as "...any person who has an organic

disorder of the brain or a substantial psychiatric disorder...” which is often demonstrated by “... a recent attempt or threat to physically harm self or others...” In addition, the DSM-5—used by psychiatrists to diagnose mental illness—requires that an individual display a “current presentation” of mental illness for the detainee to get branded with a diagnosis. For sexual disorders, “current presentation” is within 6 months.

Mental illness is a medical issue in the same way the illness of cancer is a medical issue. Do you go to a medical doctor to get chemotherapy for a cancer you used to have? No. In this way, medical illness is no different than mental illness. For someone to get so-called, “Civilly Committed” in Minnesota, a court has to find that the person is “mentally ill.” According to Minnesota law, these individuals must go to a facility that, “... is consistent with the persons treatment needs...”<sup>16</sup>

The 1st Amendment is supposed to protect our right to freedom of religion. On December 22, 2019, OCEAN called a meeting of 6 men at the gulag to talk about addressing our want and need for Christian Counseling.

Jesus challenged the authorities constantly—especially the Pharisees, who taught the Jews. His efforts were not for His personal gain, but for theirs and those who followed Him. Also, Paul was a huge advocate for God in the court room (Acts). We have been called to follow this pattern.

Psychology is an ideology. It is a structured form of analyzing human behaviors and developing solutions to human problems. The gulag demands that we submit to their ideology or we will never go home. What the gulag does is not only ineffective, it is immoral and un-American. They are holding our freedom hostage until we participate with their disgusting ideals. Some of their demands include, having sexual fantasies about people we are not married to, and watching child pornography [via. PPG].

This effort will also benefit other faiths as well. Although this particular group of 6 men are Christian and want our treatment goals to reflect what we believe, if we accomplish our goal, it will open the door for other faiths to have the same freedom.<sup>17</sup>

The holocaust was horrible and everything should be done to prevent something similar from happening again. The Nazi party was driven by an ideology called “Fascism.” There are a few elements that make an ideology fascist, including an extreme military presence, contempt for electoral democracy, a “survival of the fittest” mentality and the absolute rule of authority. All of these exist at the gulag.

At the gulag, challenging authorities is called, “System Stancing.” This term is conveniently reserved to shame clients into submission. According to the gulag, filing a lawsuit or grievance is a symptom of a mental illness, not an American right. Similarly, Fascist educators in Nazi Germany discouraged critical and independent thinking that challenged fascist ideology.

The Nazi’s pushed for *Volksgemeinschaft*, which is German for “People’s Community.” At the gulag, we have “Community Meetings” where, like in Nazi Germany, individual interests are subordinated to the “good of the community.” Fascist’s maintain that the nation is like a family: It is strong only when the people obey their leaders in the same way children obey their parents. This mentality is grooming for a subordinate community, and a primary teaching at the gulag.<sup>18</sup>

No one wants to believe that there could be concentration camps in America. But there are. Concentration camps are, “...to be distinguished from prisons interning persons lawfully convicted of civil crimes...” Meaning that if the location is meant to hold people who have been convicted of a crime, it is a prison, not a concentration camp.

In contrast, concentration camps are defined as an: “Interment center for political prisoners... confined for reasons of state security, exploitation, or punishment, usually by executive decree...” In 2013, Minnesota Governor Mark Dayton wrote a letter to then DHS Commissioner, top authority of the gulag, telling her not to release anyone from the gulag. Supposedly, the gulag detainees are locked up due to a mental disorder and yet Governor Dayton, who is clearly not a doctor, decided to use his powers to force the commissioner to hold gulag detainees.<sup>19</sup>

Born in Vienna in 1905, Psychiatrist Viktor E. Frankl survived to tell of the horrors of his experience in Nazi death camps. In Dr. Frankl’s *Man’s Search for Meaning*, he describes the mental and emotional reactions from the prisoners in Auschwitz.

Keep in mind that Hitler locked up and eventually killed Gypsies, Slavs, homosexuals, alleged mental defectives, and others, but his main focus was the Jews. These were normal everyday people. We point this out to emphasize that the similarities between the way Hitler’s detainees and the gulag’s detainees react to their confinement is not a matter of mental illness, but of human nature.

The book congregates around a central theme: “He who has a Why to live for can bear almost any how.” These words from Nietzsche encompasses my [DAW] whole life purpose now that I’m in the gulag. For me, my daughter and my God, are my “Why.” Frankl talks about each individuals response to suffering. OCEAN’s

response is to fight.

Before a man at the gulag gets officially committed, many of them are placed on a "hold," awaiting the court's decision. During this time, and even after they are committed, many experience what Frankl calls "delusion of reprieve." For instance, I thought that someone would save me right before the gavel came down.

"An abnormal reaction to an abnormal situation is normal behavior." (p. 20) Most men at the gulag have collapsed into "primitive cognition." Comfort in food, prescription drugs, alcohol, X-Box, Dungeons and Dragons etc. This phenomena is common among prisoners, but especially those who believe they will die in their facility. In a frantic attempt to escape the reality of his situation, the prisoner finds any way possible to drown out the world with physical pleasure.

Like Frankl predicted, many of us have become obsessed with religion and politics. In fact, this may be what birthed OCEAN. Although this pattern is common among prisoners, it is not a negative response. Politics and religion attract the prisoner who has hope; politics being our instrument to access man's power, and religion being our instrument to access God's. Frankl defends the religious prisoner by stating, "The religious interests of the prisoners, as far and as soon as it developed, was the most sincere imaginable." (p. 34)<sup>20</sup>

Most think that in order to be committed, one must have a horrible criminal history. However, there are about 90 men without a criminal history, committed to the gulag.<sup>21</sup> No governmental entity should have too much power. But the excessive power along with the absence of oversight at the gulag, has proved to be a deadly mixture for the clients. Gulag detainee, Raymond Messer committed suicide on Saturday, August 3, 2013. (MPLS Star Tribune 8/06/2013) Messer could no longer tolerate the madness of the gulag. Chris Krych, a man living at the gulag for the past 14 years, says: "These are suicidal escapes from DHS Nepotism Hell."

Indeed.com is an employee review internet Web Site that provides a confidential forum for gulag staff to voice their true feelings about the gulag. "Helping others" is rarely mentioned on the site, because that is not what the gulag does. However, money seems to be a consistent motivation, repeated several times on the site. One Security Counselor says that at the gulag, "There is little to no opportunities for advancement, but it is a steady paycheck..."

A Recreation and Visit Supervisor at the St. Peter site, while employed at the gulag says, "... great benefits for employees and 55 retirement age..." A Recreational and Visit Supervisor at St. Peter says "great benefits" working at that gulag. A former Security Supervisor, says, "...Benefits are great." (is there an echo in here?)

For most gulag employees, it's just a job. For instance, a Treatment Assessment Psychologist, who would be a lead authority at the gulag, states blatantly that the gulag is, "A place to work... If you are looking for a job, this is a job..." This person was still employed at the gulag at the time he/she wrote this in April 2018.

The next comment speaks directly about nepotism:

If you enjoy an environment of nepotism then this is the place for you. Terribly mismanaged. Most people use this as a stepping stone in their careers although may come out deeply damaged due to institutional abuse. The only good thing about this job is that it comes with state benefits... The funding is outrageous compared to that of victim services. This instruction goes to show how sad our state is where it is more lucrative to work with criminals versus assisting those victimized. By far working with management and co-workers was the worst. It was difficult to tell where the true evil was...

Another echoes saying:

...[if] you like to brown nose, try it. Better yet, if you are related to someone who works there, GO for it. Nepotism is alive and well there. But if you are educated, hardworking, have experience and are looking for upward mobility, forget it...many a person's livelihood had been lost here...

On a positive note, one staff member, who works in the shop making signs, was kind enough to say, "I love working with both customers and clients." Thank you anonymous gulag staff member. However, I suggest you get out of here before the walls begin to really crumble.<sup>22</sup>

The right to think is the beginning of freedom, and speech must be protected from the government because speech is the beginning of thought. The OCEAN Newsletter has been heavily attacked by gulag staff. But the First Amendment states, in relevant part, "Congress shall make no law ... abridging the freedom of speech." Although this language specifically targets federal Congress, the First Amendment has been held applicable to the states by virtue of selective incorporation and most state constitutions have a similar provision protecting freedom of speech.

Freedom of speech has been the focus of countless judicial opinions. The word Speech has been interpreted

to cover virtually any form of expression, including verbal and written words, pictures, photographs, videos, and songs. First Amendment speech also includes expressive conduct such as dressing a certain way, flag burning, and cross burning.

Modern U.S. Supreme Court decisions indicate a tendency to favor freedom of speech over government's interest in regulating fighting words, and many fighting words statutes have been deemed unconstitutional under the First Amendment or void for vagueness and over breadth under the Fifth Amendment and Fourteenth Amendment due process clause.

An example of an Unconstitutional "fighting words" statute comes from *Gooding v. Wilson*, 405 U.S. 518 (1972). Georgia enacted the following criminal statute:

Any person who shall, without provocation, use to or of another, and in his presence...opprobrious words or abusive language, tending to cause a breach of the peace...shall be guilty of a misdemeanor (Ga. Code §26-6303).

The US Supreme Court determined that this statute was overbroad, void of vagueness, and unconstitutional under the First Amendment. Similarly, *Brandenburg v. Ohio*, an incitement to riot statute must prohibit imminent lawless action. Statutes that prohibit simple advocacy with no imminent threat or harm cannot withstand the First Amendment's heightened scrutiny.

Another example of an unconstitutional incitement to riot statute is from Ohio. The state legislature enacted a statute that criminalized:

[A]dvocat[ing]...the duty, necessity, or propriety of crime, sabotage, violence, or unlawful methods of terrorism as a means of accomplishing industrial or political reform" and "voluntarily assembl[ing]" with any society, group or assemblage of persons formed to teach or advocate the doctrines of criminal syndicalism (Ohio Rev. Code Ann. §2923.13).

This was also found to be unconstitutional. The OCEAN Newsletter lives on to fight another year.<sup>23</sup>

Rather than carefully develop a sexual civil commitment scheme that confines only "a small segment of particularly dangerous individuals," (*Kansas v. Hendricks*, 521 U.S. 346, 369 1997), 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. Minnesota then failed to provide resources so that those confined could receive treatment, and it did not enact procedures to ensure that those no longer posing a risk are released.

Ronald Sullivan of the Fair Punishment Project at Harvard Law School commented:

FPP believes that the Minnesota civil commitment statute is a punitive scheme that responds excessively to moral panic rather than in a narrowly tailored way to a compelling government interest.<sup>24</sup>

No client ever gets rehabilitated at the gulag. They just die. To date, almost 80 men have died here in 25 years. That's more than 3 deaths a year. However, it may be rising.<sup>25</sup>

There are good treatment programs out there. However, most of the individuals participating in "treatment" here at the gulag, do so under duress. In his book, *If you Meet Buddha on the Road, Kill Him!*, Sheldon Kopp, explains:

[In Coerced Psychotherapy]... the patient does not freely choose to seek out the therapist's services. He comes instead under the duress of threatened sanctions by the court... or because "therapy" may be his only hope of regaining his political and social freedom. The social power of the therapist is inherent in his role. The inequality of the participants comes closer to that of warden and prisoner than the one man being paid to help another. The real client seeking relief is the family or the community who sees to it that the patient is vulnerable to the expert, and who pays the latter's fees. The goal is not the relief of the patient's suffering, but rather the re-establishment of social control. Consequentially, as the community's agent (rather than his own or the patient's), the therapist does not value or protect his patient's privacy and confidentiality. (pp. 112-113)

Gulag detainees are "encouraged" to participate in treatment with many incentives including, the "privilege" of: more work hours and thus more money, lounging in certain rooms that are not allowed to the

“other” clients, buying an X-Box, buying fast food more than the “others,” going to the chow hall and eat meals before the “others,” locking down at night later than the “others,” sitting anywhere in the chow hall that you want, wandering around the facility more than the “others,” going to the music room, using the legal computer to exercise whatever rights you still have, planting in the garden, using certain vending machines, sharing food and media, exercising in the gym when you want, participating in extra social activities, going to extra therapeutic recreational events, participating in therapeutic based unit-to-unit visiting. This is text book coercion.

Dr. Joel Dvoskin, Ph.D., ABPP immediate past President of the American Psychological Association, discloses what should be known by all:

...we do this for a living. (Some of you may cling to the belief that money has no effect on you, but if I paid you enough, I could get you to say that you like Barry Manilow.) Most people are influenced by money. There is no reason to believe that we are exceptions.

This lack of objectivity on the part of clinicians and psychologists is not lost to most clients.<sup>26</sup>

The gulag staff should at least try to reintegrate men back into society. In fact, there have been meetings on “reintegration” for years. Between December 2, 2014 and July 15, 2019 they had 268 meetings concerning “reintegration.” These are either the most incompetent people alive to have this many meetings for “reintegration” with no results, or they are lying through their teeth... or both.

These meetings involve “stakeholders.” The gulag administration invites these “stakeholders” to MSOP on a regular basis for tours. The MSOP policy for this uses Minn. Stat. § 246.014, sub. (d) (Services) as the authority for this policy, which states: “The commissioner of human services may establish policies and procedures which govern the operation of the services and programs under the direct administrative authority of the commissioner.”

Gulag administration claims that the purpose of the policy is to:

...outline the process for providing tours of DCT facilities to exchange information and establish relationships with community stakeholders in a manner ensuring safety, security, and privacy of staff, clients, and visitors while minimizing potential disruption to the therapeutic environment.

But this is clearly NOT what stakeholders are for according to Minn. Stat. § 246B.06 Vocational Work Program, Subdivision 1. (b) Establishment; purpose, which says, in relevant part: “...Prior to the establishment of any vocational activity, the commissioner of human services shall consult with stakeholders...”

On September 25, 2017, detainees were told via “client memo” that “stakeholders” would be coming for a visit to the facility. OCEAN requested a list of those that would be attending. Noah Cashman, the Assistant Minnesota Attorney General, along with many lawyers, judges, and forensic examiners are on the stakeholder list. This seems like a clear conflict of interest, and these people are not the kind of people one would use for the purposes we pointed out in Minn. Stat. § 246B.06.

In summary, the gulag is supposed to consult with stakeholders, which should be experts from the labor industry to help with vocational programming. Instead, the gulag has a bunch of lawyers, judges and even the Attorney General – who represents and supports the counties that petitioned for our commitments – helping the gulag with security issues, and calling them “stakeholders.”<sup>27</sup>

We have a constitutional right to produce and distribute the OCEAN Newsletter. However, the gulag has done their best to stop us. On February, 2020 OCEAN Editor Russell was called into a meeting with cellblock 1E psychologist Sky Korby-Brister and clinician Ross Michael Peterson.

The intention of this meeting was to return the confiscated OCEAN Issue 9. Dr. Korby-Brister stated that there was no “contraband” found.

“Tell the truth,” I said:

Everything we print has been fact checked, is accurate to the best of our knowledge, and furthermore has been previously published online and in other accredited newspapers. (referring to the article on Nepotism)

Dr. Korby-Brister tried to convince me that she was concerned about our reputation being tarnished. However, she would not provide “accurate” information to “correct” what we have written and we have original documentation proving that some staff are getting two pay checks and holding multiple positions.<sup>28</sup>

Many men at the gulag have the right to vote. In November of 2017, the city of Coalinga California administered a vote on whether or not to impose a 1-cent tax on the patients at Coalinga State Hospital (the California equivalent of MSOP).

Ultimately, the men at Coalinga hospital prevailed and the attempt to increase Coalinga's sales tax by one cent failed by 37 votes. The City of Coalinga has since filed a lawsuit against Fresno County, seeking to have the election results thrown out due to the allegedly "illegal" participation of the patients. Both city and hospital officials blamed the patients for defeating the sales tax hike. Vosburg, the Mayor, said "The people have spoken, and I stand behind the will of the people."

Although OCEAN does not encourage anyone to vote recklessly, we do find it encouraging that we could have a similar impact in elections. We encourage you to vote and to stay updated on upcoming local elections, bills being introduced, as well as other issues we are allowed to participate in.<sup>29</sup>

Our health should be the number one priority if we are actually, "clients" in "treatment." However, one man at the gulag was treated like an animal. When Max came from DOC, he came with Depends. However, the gulag discontinued them. Max was forced to lay in his anal leakage for 3 weeks. When Max arrived at the gulag, the staff discontinued his Lactolos, the medication he needs to have bowel movements. On February 7, 2020, Max – still not using the bathroom – was told by nursing staff, "as long as your passing blood, you won't die."

By February 12, 2020 Max had gone 13 days without having a bowel movement. He was rushed to the hospital and given pain medications and 4 enemas. He was prescribed a few bottles of Mag Citrate, and Meralax. After leaving the hospital, Max weighed 27 pounds less from all the feces they took out of his body. He had dodged a bullet, until he came back to the gulag and the nurse told him, "I hope the NP orders your meds. It's up to her."<sup>30</sup>

"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 Daniel 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.

On April 8, 2020 Daniel 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 Daniel 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," Daniel said, "I grew up with asthma. But I guess if I have to choose, I choose my health over my 'freedom.'" Although Daniel'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.<sup>31</sup>

The Presumption of Innocence is a pillar of this free society. However, in July 2019, Facebook updated its "Do not post" section to allow "high-severity violence" against those accused of sexual offences, including death threats. On May 14, 2020, James Fairbanks allegedly found a man on the public registry for those who have committed sexual offenses and murdered him. The victim's name is Matt Condoluci. Now many in the public want Fairbanks released. Facebook user Laura Smith said on May 19, 2020, "I took great relief hearing of this monster's death..."

The New York Times columnist, Bret Stephens says, "Belief in the absence of convincing evidence is a form of religion. It should not be a part of our legal system..." With this "religion," the Presumption of Innocence is no longer necessary. According to Ms. Smith, if we think someone is going to commit a crime, the person should be punished before they actually do anything. All we need is our perceptions—not evidence. Perhaps we should get rid of "the other" court system. Who needs juries? Just kill people if you think they break the law.

What do victims of sexual assault want? According to a 2016 national survey of survivors of violence by the Alliance on Safety and Justice, 61% of victims of violent crimes prefer short sentences and spending more on prevention and rehabilitation programs. 82% prefer investing more in programs for at-risk youth and other crime prevention programs. 69% prefer holding people accountable through different options beyond just prison. 52% think prison makes people more likely to commit crimes.<sup>32</sup>

The gulag staff hate American principles of the Presumption of Innocence. In 1976 Daniel Larson was evaluated at the Security hospital in St. Peter Minnesota. He was 15 years old. On September 27, 1977, a Warrant of Commitment was issued and Daniel was deemed "Mentally Ill and Dangerous" and was confined as an "adult" to the secure facility.

September 2020 will mark Daniel's 43rd year detained, without ever being arrested, or convicted of a crime of a sexual nature. When Daniel goes before the Special Review Board (SRB) to request his release or reduction

in custody, the allegations from 1976 are used to support his continued confinement.<sup>33</sup>

Mark was convicted of a sexual crime 35 years ago in 1985. He was out on bond until 1987, when he finally made a plea bargain, and went in for 3 years. While he was in prison, Mark completed a treatment program. The program was not mandatory, and Mark did it voluntarily. In 1990, he was released. Mark did not have to register, and did not have an ECRC level.

In Mid-November, Mark went to civil court. One of the reasons for committing Mark is that they claimed Mark never completed a treatment program. However, Stillwater prison did not keep any treatment records from 1989.

Mark has not had any sexual issues for 35 years. Since Mark has been at the gulag, he has been confused as to how to approach treatment. Generally, he feels anger, betrayed, and frustrated.<sup>34</sup>

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## Inspiration

“We face arduous days that lie before us in the warm courage of national unity; with the clear consciousness of seeking old and precious moral values...”

— Franklin Delano Roosevelt

“I can see that the end is worth more than all the means; that posterity will triumph...”

— John Adams, in a letter to his wife the day before the 1st Independence Day celebration)

“My purpose alone must be God’s purpose—to increase the welfare and happiness of His people...”

— George Washington Carver

“Far from being rivals or enemies, religion and law are twin sisters, friends, and mutual assistants.”

— James Wilson

“He who cannot forgive others breaks the bridge over which he himself must pass.”

— George Herbert

“The price paid for our redemption shows the value of our immortal souls.”

— John McLean

“We establish no religion in this country, nor will we ever... But we poison our society when we remove its theological underpinnings. We court corruption when we leave it bereft of belief.”—Ronald Reagan

“...[I]f we and our posterity reject religious institutions and authority... and recklessly destroy the political constitution... no man can tell how sudden a catastrophe may overwhelm us...”—Daniel Webster

“...Let everyone do his whole duty, both to God and man.”—William Bross (publisher of the Chicago Tribune)

“...in the same week the members of the first Congress voted to appoint and pay a chaplain for each House... also voted to approve the draft of the First Amendment...”—Warren Earl Burger

“no pain, no palm; no thorns, no throne; no gall, no glory; no cross, no crown.”

—William Penn

“Death is more eligible than slavery...” (Declared in 1773 by the men of Marlborough Massachusetts before they were the “Boston Tea Party”)

“I do not think that thanks and compliments, though repeated weekly, can discourage our real obligations to each other, and much less to our Creator.”— Benjamin Franklin

“All the miseries and evils which men suffer from... proceed from their despising or neglecting the precepts contained in the bible.”—Noah Webster