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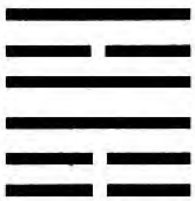

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Failing to Protect

By Terry Branson

The remarks below was made by Senator Jim Abeler during a MN Legislature Conference Committee on H.F. 2115 - Human Services Omnibus bill - 05/13/25. Visit their website to review the entire video at: https://www.youtube.com/live/4HKV_wvXfnA

Senator Jim Abeler (Republican—District 35):

Regarding a bill to eliminate the Special Review Board, and MSOP: If this is going to go forward, **I believe the whole program is unconstitutional**—just to give my view on the whole thing. **I think that we have got one of the worst programs anywhere and it's like a third rail.** It is between Governor Pawlenty and 2005, and when somebody foolishly sent Speaker Zellers a postcard saying he was soft on sex offenders. This whole topic has become stigmatized and no one dares, you know. **Remember these individuals are human beings** and **I am not going to become the champion for them but they do have human rights. I do believe the program is just horrible and I was disappointed when I was told by then Commissioner Piper that, hey it's constitutional**, ha. With a ruling a relatively liberal Supreme Court has doomed many of these men and women to a **lifetime or really long time in the wrong place**. So that being said I'm friendly to the topic about how we can make it work better but I will tell you, **you do not want my advice to the conference committee. I don't think we want this debate on the floor**, at least in this floor in this body, to be about sex offenders and not about the other good work that's in the bill and trying to make sure we can get that fleshed out so do as you wish. I'll be voting no when that choice comes up.

Chair: Thank you, Senator Abeler.

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

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Thought for the Month

An individual finds himself in an evil environment to which he is committed by external forces. But he has an inner relationship with a superior man, and through this he attains the stability to free himself from the way of the inferior people around him. This brings him into opposition to them of course, but that is not wrong.

Splitting Apart pg. 95 of the "Book of Changes" by Wilhelm/Baynes

This may sound familiar.

By: Sixx|R

I originally started this article writing about data collection. The M$OP intent is to collect any and all data that supports the governments intent on sustaining detainee institutionalization in the Shadow Prison, with the claim of going by "best practices" for allegedly treating criminogenic attitudes and behaviors and junk science sexual diagnosis. Regardless of the duration of time that has elapsed since the index offense, M$OP clinical administration harp on primary therapist and the Shadow Prison assessors of the Annual Mental Health Assessments, Psychosexual Assessments, Special Review Board Sexual Violence Risk Assessments and Treatment Assessments, to give greater weight to the ancient historical factors . . . rather than the detainees present mental status.

But, I thought, eh whose really going to understand that. Instead let's focus our attention as to the repeat of history occurring within the M$OP-Shadow Prison right now. When we reflect on the historical nature of the program and the role of clinical administration, this culture has not changed since the evidence and exposure of the malicious punitive practices were identified in the historic Karsjens case. The following is a collection of evidence and testimony from 2010 ongoing. Hopefully this may provide clarification for all the new incoming detainees when they judge those who have been lost in the system for years to decades. All of the following inserts were taken from the Karsjens lawsuit M$OP Employee testimony.

Most MSOP clients are not receiving any actual sex offender treatment at all. . . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

As of June 30, 2010, when there were approximately 575 persons in MSOP commitment, about 50% were in Phase One of the treatment program. "Phase One of the program does not focus directly on the behaviors that led to offenders' commitments. Rather, Phase One is focused on preparing clients for treatment by asking clients to demonstrate that they can follow rules and learn how to participate in treatment groups. Phase One treatment does not explore the reason for offenders sexual offending or help offenders develop tools to prevent offending. Some clients may be 'stuck' in Phase One because they lack motivation. However, some clients may also be in Phase One because the program has not been sufficiently staffed or because the environment at Moose Lake has not promoted positive treatment participation.. . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

"Frequent leadership changes have contributed to a lack of continuity in MSOP's treatment program. The program has had three executive directors and four executive clinical directors **in the last seven years**. Due to these many leadership changes, the content of the treatment program MSOP facilities have changed multiple times since 2003. With each change in leadership and the treatment program, clinicians and clients have needed to learn the new program. Also, clients have had to be reassessed according to new program requirements. **At times, clinicians have lacked supervision to help them make good clinical decisions.** Because of the

changes in MSOP's leadership and the treatment program, **the program has not been able to deliver consistent treatment to its residents."** Id. at 58.. . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

MSOP has had difficulty filling clinical supervisor positions at the Moose Lake facility. And "[w]ith a dearth of clinical supervisors, MSOP has been unable to assure that all clinicians are implementing a therapeutic style consistent with **best practices** or applying the treatment model in the way the clinical directors envision." Id. at 60.. . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

"Clinician caseloads at Moose Lake have been too high due to clinician turnover and many clinical vacancies. Clinical understaffing has been a very serious problem, which has affected the ability of the program to deliver treatment to clients. The executive clinical director said that the goal-with a fully staffed program-is to have eight clients per clinician . . . . However, the clinical director stated that the clinicians at Moose Lake have sometimes had up to 25 clients in their caseloads . . . . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

In general, we observed that files in recent years (since 2008) tended to have much less detail than those from previous years, suggesting that clinicians either did not have time to fully document client behaviors or be fully aware of client behaviors relevant to treatment . . . . Due to clinician turnover, clients often have not had the benefit of consistent clinical care." Id. at 60-61.. . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

"The amount of treatment delivered at MSOP facilities is lower than any other adult inpatient sex offender treatment program in this state . . . . MSOP clients at Moose Lake [in the auditor's sample] generally received between 6 and 7.5 hours per week of group therapy and psychoeducational classes. In contrast, [the Department of Correction] provides between 9 and 10.5 hours per week of group therapy and psychoeducational classes" for its sex offender treatment. Privately operated Alpha Human Services, which provides a comparable type of treatment, provides at least 16 hours per week-more than double what MSOP offers. Even though "MSOP was designed to hold and treat the highest risk offenders in the state[,] . . . "it appears that offenders who are lower risk (in the DOC program or Alpha Human Services) receive more intensive treatment as measured by hours of sex offender treatment per week." Id. at 62-64.. . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

"MSOP is at the low end of the range of treatment hours considered to be best practices for sex offender civil commitment programs . . . . It has been difficult for MSOP to schedule treatment hours due to clinical staffing shortages. In 2009, psychoeducational modules at Moose Lake were completely suspended for three quarters due to staff vacancies. While MSOP has increased weekly treatment hours for some clients from 6 hours to 7.5 hours, the amount of treatment still remains on the low end of the spectrum as outlined by

[outside] experts." Id. at 64.

It's 2025, Sound familiar. . .

"Historically and currently, the program [at MSOP] has struggled to create an environment that fosters client rehabilitation. Outside advocates and experts, MSOP clients, and some MSOP staff have complained that, historically and currently:

1.some MSOP staff held disrespectful, negative, punitive, and untherapeutic attitudes towards clients; and

2. that the culture at the facilities was counter-therapeutic." Id. at 66. . . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

Recent security changes "have adversely affected the therapeutic environment [in MSOP], particularly at Moose Lake. In our interviews, we heard widespread agreement among clinicians, clients, outside advocates, experts, and some MSOP administrators that the program has recently focused on security to the detriment of therapy. In the absence of clinical leadership when the current administration took over MSOP in 2008, some policies were put into place without adequate consideration for the effect those policies would have upon the therapeutic environment." Id. at 68.

Sound familiar. . . that was seventeen years ago. and now the institution has implemented way more counter-therapeutic polices which have only reinforced complacency through micromanagement, almost seemingly intentionally to assure institutionalization.

In focus groups conducted by the legislative auditor team, "clients at Moose Lake expressed a great amount of hopelessness regarding the possibility of their release." . . . *That was 2010.*

Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.

The resulting lack of client motivation "has been a barrier to progression in treatment." "Clients cited a 2003 executive order prohibiting the release of anyone from MSOP without a court order as evidence that the program does not truly seek to rehabilitate them.

Sound familiar. . . the same executive order has been repeatedly signed by every governor since Pawlenty enacted it.

They described living at Moose Lake as so stressful under the new administration that some have sought revocation of their supervision so that they may return to correctional facilities where they at least saw people being released. Many clients also struggled with motivation because of the frequent changes in the treatment programming and in the MSOP administration." Id. at 71.

"MSOP treatment plans and reviews are individualized and set meaningful goals, but do not provide the level of detail as past plans and reviews, nor are they as explicit about how clients can advance in treatment . . . . [I]t is not always clear from these reviews what the client needs to do to advance in treatment, especially when the client is meeting all their goals and doing well in treatment. Clinicians also do not always explain or discuss how they came to their conclusions about client progress." Id. at 73. ***Sound familiar. . .***

The executive clinical director noted that "the program did not deliver treatment for eight to ten working days between trimesters so that staff could do all the documentation required. This resulted in the program not delivering treatment for one month out of the year, which she found unacceptable." Id. at 74.. . . *That was 2010.* ***Sound familiar. . . Its 2025.***

that was then, now with only 2 hours per week (even less time per detainee per 12-17 per group) , you can see how it correlates to serious and detrimental irreparable harm and punishment.

To be sure, there are parts of the auditor's report that would suggest that the state has made available to Plaintiff adequate mental health treatment. For example, the report says that MSOP's current approach is to provide treatment based on cognitive behavioral therapy and treatment principles of risk, need, and responsivity and that current research suggests that this type of therapy is most effective for reducing sex offender recidivism. However, the skepticism that the report creates is not only perceived by this Court, but others as well. For example, Justice Page of the Minnesota Supreme Court recently shared his skepticism in a concurring opinion, stating the following:

> In light of the recent report released by the Office of the Legislative Auditor (OLA), it is disingenuous to claim that the State has a strong interest in rehabilitating sexually dangerous persons. *See* Office of the Legislative Auditor, State of Minnesota, *Evaluation Report: Civil Commitment of Sex Offenders* (2011).[] In fact, the OLA found that the Minnesota Sex Offender Program (MSOP) "is at the low end of the range of treatment hours considered to be best practices for sex offender civil commitment programs," has "generally delivered less treatment than civil commitment programs in other states," and should "provide more treatment hours." Id. at 64-65. The report warns, "Civilly committed sex offenders retain certain civil rights, including the right to treatment. Without an adequate treatment program, Minnesota could face a legal challenge." Id. at x. The State's disinterest in rehabilitation is reinforced by the fact that "no sex offender has ever been discharged from MSOP." Id. at 19.*In re Johnson*, 800 N.W.2d 134, 148 (Minn. 2011) (Page, J., concurring) (footnote omitted). Nonetheless, this Court is cognizant of the fact that this case must ultimately focus on Plaintiff's individual claim about whether he has been deprived of his constitutional rights; therefore, issues concerning Plaintiff's mental health treatment, such as his own willingness to accept and participate in a treatment regimen, may be in issue. But at this stage of the case, this Court concludes that Plaintiff has alleged sufficient facts to at least state a plausible claim that he has been unconstitutionally deprived of mental health treatment at MSOP under the Fourteenth Amendment Due Process Clause. Although Defendants contend that "the Constitution only requires such minimally adequate training that may be reasonable in light of the liberty interest in freedom from unreasonable restraints," (Doc. No. 17, Defs.' Mem. 35), the issue that will be litigated in the case is whether the treatment program

that is being made available to Plaintiff at MSOP comports with constitutional requirements. Accordingly, this Court recommends that Defendants' motion to dismiss be denied as to Plaintiff's First Cause of Action titled "Failure to Provide Treatment."

A detainee who spoke up in their Wednesday 1-C community meeting said it best in confronting clinical after a clinician spoke about 'respect' and another detainee responded that he's been trying to meet with his primary for weeks in regards to his treatment concerns and preparation for the CAP, asking how is that respectful?

> "*Hey, I have wild idea that may resolve the problems we're having with clinical. Since you all can't seem to find the time to meet with detainees on your case load, why not taking the initiative to have some guts to support those on your caseload for discharge. You know there are those who could be safely released to the community lessening your case load so you can provide proper care to those who may have legitimate ongoing treatment needs.*"

Today, the Court finds that it is constitutionally mandated that only individuals who constitute a "real, continuing, and serious danger to society" may continue to be civilly committed to MSOP. *See Hendricks*, 521 U.S. at 372 (Kennedy, J., concurring). If the evidence demonstrates that MSOP systematically continues to confine individuals who are not "a real, continuing, and serious danger to society," then such confinement will be held unconstitutional. *See id.* Thus, the confinement of individuals with substantial medical or intellectual disabilities, who might never succeed in MSOP's program, or are otherwise unlikely to reoffend, may be called into serious question.

Where's the data [sexual disorder and danger to public] requiring this degree of confinement?

Best practices says that clinical ***must*** assess risk every six months to a year. (two years max) This means, from my understanding, there must be consistent documentation of clinically significant distress or impairment in a detainees social, occupational or other important areas of functioning . . . for further institutionalization to be justified. And, "due process requires that the nature and duration of commitment bear some reasonable relation to the purpose for which the individual is committed. *Jackson v. Indiana.* A commitment, *proper ab initio*, becomes unconstitutional just as soon as the justification for confinement cease to obtain. "It [is unconstitutional to] continue [confinement] after that basis no longer existed."

To be valid, a civil commitment scheme must be designed and operated to release people as soon as they can be appropriately managed in the community. A commitment scheme without such a design is constitutionally invalid. *Zadvydas v. Davis*. The Minnesota Supreme Court approved the scheme "[s]o long as the statutory discharge criteria are applied in such a way that the person subject to commitment ... is confined only so long as he or she continues both to need further inpatient treatment and supervision for his sexual disorder and to pose a danger to public. . ."

Delusional Thinking

By: Terry Branson

My definition of delusional thinking is when you are incapable of separating reality from fiction.

Here at MSOP we have staff continuously attempting to tell us what is the proper way of doing what is right. Every aspect of our daily way of living is laid out for us either through some staff expectation or a written policy identifying what is appropriate. Examples of these appropriate behaviors is listening to staff's directives and following them. In other words if a staff directs you to do something and you fail to follow their directive, then you can be issued a Behavioral Expectation Report for failing to follow that staffs' directive. So in reality you do not have any true free will within this facility unless you decline to interact with staff.

But here is a thought. These staff have a large amount of resources available to them on a daily basis. They also interact with a large number of the MSOP patient population on a daily basis. Patients are continuously informing various staff as to what is going on with the various lawsuits being filed. It is also common knowledge that many staff know what the various rulings are as issued from the various district courts. If they choose to not listen to news channels (as some allege) then it's because they don't want to know what's going on surrounding civil commitment.

How is it that these individuals who are supposed to be teaching this population what is right and wrong seem incapable of differentiating from what is reality and delusional thinking themselves? They come in here every day acting as if they are enriching every ones life by just showing up. They enter the facility smiling and asking how is your day going? They show extremely happiness when someone replies and starts stalking them throughout the facility. This is what MSOP employees identify as acceptable behavior.

Re-read the article on the first page of this issue. I find it amazing how a Minnesota Senator alleges that the MSOP civil commitment program is unconstitutional. Didn't the courts also rule that the program was unconstitutional? Even attorneys continuing their proclamation that the program is defunct. Apparently everyone except for the majority of MSOP employees have identified how MSOP is draconian and the worst program anywhere. Some are also proclaiming that it's an utter and complete waste of resources and money.

At what point do those working at MSOP pull their heads out of their butts and realize that they are doing tremendous harm to those continuously being detained at MSOP? This is what delusional thinking does to a person and especially when you have a large number of your peers supporting the actions being administered under the guise of providing treatment. Those who are providing services to the MSOP population justify their delusional thinking by blaming the patient for failing to adhere to staff directives; therefore leading to the patient inability to demonstrate their ability of making an acceptable adjustment to society. Since the patient can't make an acceptable adjustment to being indeterminately detained, then release cannot be obtained.

There are individuals who are starting to come forward and bringing awareness to what is transpiring at the MSOP facilities. Now that more attention is being brought forward surrounding how much fraud DHS is involved in, for a large number of years, it's only a matter of time before the level of fraud come to light surrounding how DHS/DCT is billing for MSOP's programming. There is no possible way that DHS/MSOP and now DCT's billing practices can not be fraudulent. Think of it 25+ years of fraudulent billing as though this is an institution for mental disease. How much money is the state going to owe the federal government once the level of fraud is brought to light? There is no possible way that Governor Walz or any other demoncrat can claim that they aren't aware of what has been transpiring at MSOP for all these years that they've been keeping citizens detained under the proclamation of being the most dangerous; and in need of mental health treatment.

And yes, there are even some MSOP employees who believe it's wrong to continue operating MSOP as if it's a treatment facility. They want to know when people are going to be released too.

Lack of Meaningful Treatment

By: Terry Branson

Recently MSOP's administration started issuing a number of Behavioral Incident Reports (BER's) to various clients who've been identified as sexually acting out. These BER's wasn't issued when the acts was being performed, but was issued several days or in some cases months after the incidents.

I do not know how many security counselors (guards) work here. I also don't know how many staff period work at this facility. What I do know is that there is quite a few staff employed at MSOP. I also know that there are several hundred cameras throughout the facility that are supposed to be monitored by the security counselors.

Here is something else that I know. During the Karsjen's vs. Jesson trial testimony was provided that there are a minimum of 200 patients who could safely be released back into the community. I also know that the MSOP - Moose Lake facility is overcrowded. There are approximately 455 patients at this facility most of whom reside in double occupancy cells that was designed for single occupancy. The beds are less than three feet apart from each other. I also know that the courts have determined that double bunking can remain legal as long as it doesn't extend beyond a six month period of time. MSOP patients go well beyond the six month time frame. It also isn't cost effective should MSOP's administration reduce the number of detainees at either MSOP facility. The cost to taxpayers is $100 million plus dollars per year with the current population, and would drastically reduce should half the population that no longer needs detention was to be released.

But this is also a major problem in many areas. I've been here for twelve years now. I refused treatment, I participated in treatment, and now I'm again refusing treatment. I am also very aware of what is happening in my surroundings. I also know that there are staff here who continuously turn a blind eye to sexual behaviors that are happening in these cells; due to their insistence of forced double bunking. There is approximately 100 beds empty throughout this facility.

I currently have two different cases filed in the Minnesota Court of Appeals. One is raising a constitutional challenge involving my original commitment where I was denied the right to self-representation (Court File No.: A25-1080). The other is also a constitutional challenge surrounding my right to receive mental health treatment. MSOP provides behavioral treatment and has acknowledged in writing that they no longer provide treatment based on the medical model approach. My release is based upon my need for continued treatment needs. Consider this, if MSOP fails to provide treatment for the mental disorder, then those being detained will always be in need of treatment. If all you are doing is treating behaviors, then MSOP's unsupported diagnosed disorder (diagnosed by unlicensed and unqualified examiners also MSOP employees) will always remain present.

So how can there be any question as to how certain individuals incapable of controlling their sexual behaviors aren't being instantly identified until months after the behavior was demonstrated? I know the answer as I live here! It's a continued demonstration that those proclaiming to be providing treatment actually don't give a shit about the services they are providing. All these individuals care about is getting a pay check, and doing as little as possible while earning that pay check.

MSOP is just like every other agency throughout the state of Minnesota that has no oversight, remains overcrowded and fails to serve the original purpose of its mission is truly a real risk to the publics safety. The demoncrats are the ones who continuously waste taxpayers money on programs designed to do nothing more than win demoncratic votes through deceptive practices.

MSOP staff support those patients who sexually act out. When they fail to provide meaningful treatment that specifically addresses the mental disorder and fail to release those who no longer need continued treatment then they demonstrate their inability to perform their assigned responsibilities while continuing to waste your own hard earned paycheck. But you (the taxpayer) is also at fault through your failure to open your eyes and question why a treatment program is failing to meet their objectives for the past 25 plus years.

Let's close down some more prisons and lower the funding provided to schools due to the Demoncrats desire to spend $100 million to keep 455 people detained verses updating prisons or funding educational programs or other programs that have truly proven to reduce crime in the state of Minnesota. Instead keep funding a program that fails to do anything more than detain individuals under the guise of providing treatment.

Another Staff Appreciation Day!

By: Terry Branson

Last Tuesday (Sept. 2, 2025) Sue Johnson one of MSOP's Program Managers organized another staff appreciation day for all MSOP employees. The staff was provided with meals catered by a contracted vendor. Part of the menu that was mostly talked about was pulled pork, pasta salad and pie for desert.

This event took place on what MSOP identifies as its heavy week. A heavy week is when there is the highest number of MSOP employees on-site inside the perimeter. A heavy week is also when the highest number of MSOP employees walk around doing nothing beyond socializing.

Other activities occurring at this staff appreciation event was playing BINGO for a variety of prizes. This brings another question to mind. Where did these prizes come from? Are these prizes items that have been deemed contraband and confiscated by MSOP's property department? Items that are supposedly being destroyed by MSOP employees? Or are these items purchased via an account that MSOP has received financial funding from the Minn. Legislatures, Dept. Human Services, appropriated from kickbacks, or just simply finagled the books in order to fund all these staff appreciation events that Ms. Johnson puts together. I question where does the money come from for all the expenses associated with sponsoring such an event?

MSOP staff come to work tasked with the responsibility of performing a variety of duties involving security inside the perimeter, performing daily maintenance or other services. Instead these individuals are authorized by a variety of supervisors to show up to work and go to a hidden location from the prying eyes of hundreds of highly dangerous sex offenders to have a party. Apparently I'm only dangerous when it serves MSOP's need for more financial requests.

What I've learned during my twelve years here at MSOP is - MSOP staff are extremely well versed at keeping secrets from the public. There are a large number of staff working here at this facility alone. How many staff hours has been paid for such MSOP sponsored events?

I remember when I worked in the kitchen and an appreciation even occurred where various MSOP staff was spending hours preparing the food for the staff's appreciation day. No kitchen worker client was allowed to participate in assisting with the preparation of staff's food. Any area where the staff's meals was being prepared became an unauthorized area.

There is a Minnesota agency investigating fraud that is occurring throughout the various Minnesota state agencies. Why is this agency not investigating the Minnesota Sex Offender Program?

Here is what I personally believe. For years MSOP has been allowed to fly under the radar and perform any act that the administration wants. MSOP's administration has not been held accountable for any behaviors they choose to exhibit. They are immune from accountability! Just like the Department of Human Services, they are policed by no other agency than themselves. Even the Hospital Review Board has no true authority to implement any type of change throughout MSOP's policies. So, if MSOP's various employees or administration has no true oversight accountability, then why wouldn't they perform any task that is self serving?

MSOP has been statutorily placed under the authority of the Direct Care and Treatment department run by Mr. Marshall Smith - MHA, LNHA, FACHE - Health System Chief Executive Officer. But he has failed to make any substantial changes surrounding those at the administrative levels. So MSOP still continues operating the same program that has absolutely no level of accountability; that I' m aware of.

Mr. Smith as CEO has recently posted policy #105-1058 with an effective date October 7, 2025 "Emergency Closure of State Agency Facilities". He makes reference to the following. Be Ready MN; Collective Bargaining Agreement and Compensation Plans; HR/LR Memo #2019-1 Emergency Closure of State Agency Facilities - FAQ.

It is common knowledge that MNDOC has wanted the MSOP-Moose Lake site for several years. So is Mr. Smith sending a message to MSOP clients that we'll be having a "Patient Appreciation Day" in the near future? Of course I'm probably doing some wishful thinking or reading something that has no true impact on me personally.

They should have a "Tax Payer Appreciation Day" for all the money wasted here at MSOP!!!!!!!!!

It is all deliberate, our indefinite institutionalization. . . "We're dying here."

By: Sixx|R

I'd been working intensively for nearly two decades to understand why detainees of the Minnesota Shadow Prison are being subjected to this psychological and physical punishment? Having been guided been some highly regarded and trustworthy individuals, both within the Shadow Prison (SP) and in Society, for procurement of answers to the voluminous questions I'd inquired year after year.

These exquisite professionals entertained me with long and argumentative but insightful conversations, provided me with thousands of pages of medical journals, expert peer reviews and encouraged that I read relevant case law and to read through them repetitiously. Having nothing but time and an obsessed drive to overcome and understand and develop a step-by-step process for a clear path home. I am at a stage where I know that I've come to that conclusion, and this insight not only applies solely to the human beings, on the face of it, indefinitely detained in the Minnesota Shadow Prison. But every other Shadow Prisoner indefinitely detained throughout America.

The current STABLE-2007 Coding Manual (Fernandez et al., 2014) provides little in the way of guidance regarding how to weight historical versus recent information of the coding manual notes "Items scores are based on both interview and collateral information. The ratings represent estimates of the individual's typical or current 'baseline' functioning. Assessors should consider recent and historical behaviours; however, the primary task is determining expected functioning **over the next six to 12 months**." While it is suggested that evaluators "consider" both recent and historical behaviours, there are no specifics as to how to weight these two, possibly contradictory, sources of information.

Of relevance to this issue is Olver et al.'s (2018) finding that for the VRS-SO both pre-treatment dynamic risk and change scores made independent contributions to predicting risk. This might suggest that a defensible approach to any dynamic risk assessment is equally weighting historical and recent behaviour.

The negative to this approach, however, is an individual's risk will never be reduced past a certain point if historical information, some of which may be decades old at the time of assessment, is given equal weighting across all assessments indefinitely. That is, an item that is initially scored a "2" can never be reduced to a "0" if historical information is always given equal weighting.

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Consequently, there are some considerations in principle that could be used to modify this weighting. These additional considerations include:

1. The persistence and recency of historical behaviour patterns. Chronic problems that continue to be evident in the more recent past **(e.g., past year or two)** may indicate continued vulnerabilities in this area;
2. Evidence of both intellectual and behavioural changes. The client should be able to acknowledge and demonstrate an understanding of the problematic behaviours and be able to articulate what changes they have made in addition to demonstrating clear behavioural changes;
3. The duration of the more recent behavior changes. The longer period a behavioural change has been evident, the more likely the change has been integrated into the client's skill set; and

The degree to which the current setting resembles the community.

Evidence that behaviour has changed within contexts where behavioural opportunities are more unfettered are stronger indications of a well-integrated and enduring skill set.

While reductions for items of scores from a "2" to a "1" may be based on the first three considerations (e.g., no recent evidence of problematic behaviours and evidence of intellectual and behavioural changes sustained over a reasonable period of time) a score reduction from a "2" to a "0" would likely require evidence that the behavioural change remains even when the individual is faced with unconstrained opportunities to return to their original behaviour patterns.

We must ask, if we truly suffer these severe mental disorders requiring this severe degree of security. . . Then where is the hard documentation that we are so out of control that we are incapable of functioning in society?

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The Deliberate and Malicious Intentions of the Minnesota's Shadow Prison Therapriest [*Pharisees*] (*Resistance Manifesto*©)

In the desire for a clear path home. There are many doctrines, values, morals, beliefs that we follow. There seems to be only one that those of the Minnesota Shadow Prison enforce upon us - it is one of corrupt, and sadistic, and malicious and greedy characteristics as those of the Pharisees.

[140] Nothing is more precious than a clear conscience. Reverend Dr. Martin Luther King Jr., Socrates, Jesus and others taught that the individual conscience should rule man. They also revealed that governments want your heart and mind more than they want your obedience.

[141] The Phoenix, a mythical foul that can die and be reborn forever, has throughout the ages been a symbol of Christ who the magical bird shares many features. It represents that element of the individual human personality that must die and regenerate. As we learn painfully through the oft tragic experience that destroys previous certainty, replacing it first with doubt and then more complete knowledge. A voluntary death and rebirth is necessary when terrible things emerge. This is the solution to the potentially fatal rigidity of erroneous certainty. We aim at freedom and will stumble toward it – even crawl towards it if we must. We notice our errors and misconceptions along the way. We face them and correct them. We aim at freedom – profound, noble, lofty. The path to freedom changes and transforms. We will change and transform as well because no clear path has been blazed... yet.

[142] Like the phoenix, systems transform over time and a certain amount of rebellion is expected to maintain the process of regeneration. Every rule was once a creative act of breaking other rules. It is the living interaction between social institutions and creative achievement that keeps the world balanced on the narrow line between too much order and too much chaos.

[143] Resisting the institution is NOT our way of "bucking the system." We are simply following our conscience. We follow rules when our conscience happens to agree with them. If a rule goes against the conscience, we follow our conscience. We are inevitably going to break SP rules because the SP is unconscionable. If it looks as if we are following institutional rules, this is an illusion. We are following our conscience and sometimes the two happen to be in harmony.

[144] Breaking rules haphazardly can destroy an opportunity to be effective Resisters. A true Resister knows what they are doing when they "break rules." If we were breaking rules for the sake of breaking rules, that would be unethical. We understand the rules and their necessity. We understand the chaos they keep at bay, how they have the potential to unite the community, and the potential danger of breaking them. We are willing to shoulder the responsibility of making an exception when we see how breaking a rule will serve a higher good. We serve the spirit rather than the mere rule. That is an elevated moral act. We do not violate rules out of self-centered convenience. This psychological juxtaposition of two moral stances enraged the Pharisees but was part of what led to the glorification of Jesus. We use judgment, vision and the Truth to follow what is right when the rules suggest otherwise. We have the ability to manage this combination that truly characterizes the fully developed personality of the true hero.

[145] The SP regime will fall and we will be on the right side of this battle if we make a choice to resist. We must believe it is better to fail in a cause that will ultimately succeed, than to succeed in a cause that will ultimately fail. We cannot disintegrate into cynicism and disillusionment, for we do not depend on illusion. We are convinced that we are on the right side of history. One day people will look back in shame at the Shadow Prison (SP) and the Resisters will be honored for ending it. Our suffering is not meaningless, because we are part of a greater battle that will be victorious. Even when things go bad, and we are suffering, and we do not see positive consequences from our actions, there is a good God who will eventually win this battle. He will eventually win, even if we are not around to see it.

[146] There is a story of a woman who used to go to church in Germany. The church she attended was next to the railroad tracks. Every Sunday morning the train carrying Jews would go by the church: "We knew the time the train was coming and when we heard the whistle blow we began singing hymns. By the time the train came past our church we were singing at the top of our voices. If we heard the screams, we sang more loudly and soon we heard them no more... God forgive me; forgive all of us who called ourselves Christians yet did nothing to intervene." Christians have a responsibility to God to fight tyranny.

[147] Karl Marx likened religion to a drug because it dulls the pain of life for the masses. This causes them to turn away from the Truth that they have the power to overturn the social order that oppresses them. The woman in the German church may have been part of a religion, but she clearly had no faith. She was under the same religious spell that many of the Detainees are under. The religion of Matrix Factors, X-Box, quarterly meals, clothing, mattress covers, and other physical amenities is the religion that Marx spoke of. These creature comforts relax the Detainee so he will ignore the oubliette.

[148] On religion, Marx was generally correct. However, he failed to understand that many cultures share a similar message about the believer's responsibility to resist tyranny. Unfortunately, many legitimate belief systems have become twisted into a nominal religion that is passive to despotism. True Christianity, however, is the religion of action against despotism. Jesus boldly addressed corruption and taught His disciples to do the same. If religion is the "opium of the masses," the "religion" of Christ is the exception.

[149] Ironically, Christians are among the most difficult to convince that radical resistance is necessary to defeat tyranny. This seems to be true even though all revolutionary movements are primarily generated from spiritual values of justice, equality, peace, and brotherhood. Christians often try to absolve themselves of responsibility by bringing attention to Jesus' deity. They say, "He is God. How can we be like Him?" They claim that Jesus is their "Lord" – a Lord they say they cannot follow. This is irrational. The Truth on the other hand is rational: Jesus is a radical Resister. Jesus is the Christian's Lord. Therefore, Christians are called to be radical Resisters.

[150] Instead of denying responsibility to avoid suffering, Christians must see the value of embracing suffering because that is what Jesus did. He showed us that suffering ultimately produces glory in the next life, but oftentimes, in this life. Jesus did not just promote non-violent resistance toward corrupt government, He demonstrated it, commanded it, was glorified for it, and promised the same glory to those who do the same. We will never be victorious until we see suffering as a divine gift from God that invites us to change. "For to you it has been granted on behalf of Christ, not only to believe in Him but to suffer for His sake." (Phil. 1:29) Accepting suffering is the beginning of our liberation.

[151] We can learn a lot from observing how Jesus dealt with false religion and its purveyors. During Jesus' ministry, the Jews sought freedom from the Romans (SP Security Counselors) who occupied Jerusalem. Jesus was the expected savior, there to save the Jews from the Romans. However, Jesus did not meet the Romans with physical force because He knew that the Jews were enslaved as a result of false beliefs, not physical weakness. Jesus knew that at the root of their physical oppression was spiritual depravity. Jesus knew that once they had Truth, they would become free from the Romans. In order to accomplish this, Jesus had to confront the Pharisees (SP Clinical), who taught false doctrine to the Jews. The physical oppression that the Jews were experiencing was a direct result of a spiritual malady caused by the teachings of the Pharisees. This is why Jesus went after the Pharisees and not the Romans.

[152] In his efforts to free the Jews, Jesus began by waging an aggressive public controversy against the false teachers of His time. Conflict began as soon as He entered public ministry and continued until the day He was crucified. He did not shy away from conflict. He did not suppress Truth to make others happy. The tenor of His words remind us that spiritual warfare is just that: a battle. Every open conflict Jesus had with false teachers was instigated by Him. He incited the first clash with them by driving the money changers from the temple. He publicly embarrassed them. The more He preached, the more His messages were filled with rebukes. "Brood of vipers!" says Jesus, "How can you, being evil, speak good things?... you are like whitewashed tombs which indeed appear beautiful outwardly, but inside are full of dead men's bones.... " (Matt. 12:34; 23:27, 38) Jesus was unrestrained, assertive, and angry. Toning him down does not improve his character. Jesus was not "nice." There is no hint of sympathy on Jesus' part to be "nice." Jesus was unfriendly. He rebuked false teachers publicly and to their faces. He repeatedly said harsh things about them in His sermons. He warned His followers to beware of their deadly influence. He consistently employed stronger language in His denunciations of the false teachers than He ever used against the Roman soldiers or their occupying armies. Jesus' harshest words were reserved for institutional hypocrisy because they did not care about Truth.

[153] Jesus could have found common ground with them. He could have harnessed that and doubled or tripled the size of His congregation. He did not do that. He did the exact opposite – deliberately. He was not interested in increasing the ranks of halfhearted disciples. His preaching had one aim: to declare Truth. For those who were not interested in Truth, He did not try to make it easier to receive. What He did instead was make it impossible to ignore. In fact, He did everything He could to disquiet the merely curious. People who heard Jesus preach could not walk away indifferent. Some left angry, some were deeply troubled by what He had to say, many had their eyes opened, and many more hardened their ears against His message. But no one who listened to Him preach for very long could possibly remain unchanged or apathetic. They absolutely loved it when Jesus did miracles. He rebuked them for that, and He made sure they could not ignore His message.

[154] One of the greatest preachers of all time, Charles H. Spurgeon said, "We have plenty of men made of sugar, nowadays, that melt into the stream of popular opinion... Some men, nowadays, talk of [Jesus] as if he were simply incarnate benevolence. It is not so. ...He is a Man – a thorough Man throughout – ...stern as a warrior..."

[155] The theological writer, Dorothy Sayers said, "Seeing that Christ went about the world giving the most vio-

lent offense to all kinds of people, it would seem absurd to expect that the doctrine of His person can be so presented as to offend nobody. We cannot blink at the fact that gentle Jesus, meek and mild, was so stiff in His opinions and so inflammatory in His language that He was thrown out of church, stoned, hunted from place to place, and finally gibbeted as a firebrand and a public danger."

[156] Someone might wonder why Jesus continued teaching when He knew the hearts of so many of His hearers were dull. After all, stirring up strife like this could not possibly do anyone any good, could it? But the Truth mattered more to Jesus than how people felt about it. He wasn't looking for ways to make people like Him. In fact, He stressed the points on which He disagreed with them. Even among the rulers many believed in Him, but did not admit it. They were afraid they would be put out of the synagogue because they loved the praise of men more than the praise of God.

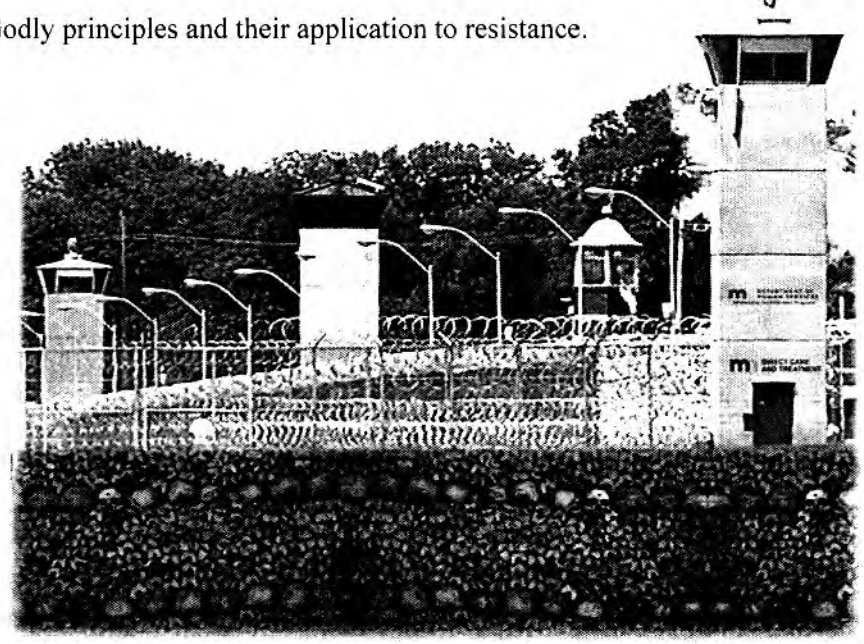
[157] Every movement began with words. If we cannot be bold with Truth, we cannot create a movement. Words reflect an ideology – a logic, a reason. None did it better than Jesus.

[158] The Russian author Dostoevsky said, "When God does not exist, anything is possible." In other words, when morals are thrown out, man can justify anything, including mass murder and genocide. Just look at the SP regime. Did nearly 100 men suffer and die at the hands of the SP because the SP inquired of God's will? We don't think so. The Truth is, when God dies, so does man.

[159] The church's role in resistance is not insignificant. Hitler understood this. Right from the beginning, he sought to marginalize the church to guarantee that no Christian influence would be allowed to inform government policy. He understood that the loss of God leaves man at the naked mercy of his fellows, where might makes right. The voice of courageous Christians had to be silenced. God had to be removed to make way for the National Socialist policies.

[160] In 1934, Martin Niemoller, a German pastor, met Hitler. Hitler told Niemoller to keep his Christian beliefs to himself and to not influence the German people. Niemoller's response was, "...we too, as Christians and churchmen, have a responsibility toward the German people. That responsibility was entrusted to us by God, and neither you nor anyone in this world has the power to take it from us." Hitler turned away without a word. Niemoller was a Resister who did not just speak Truth to power, but to Hitler! If he can speak Truth to Hitler then we can speak Truth to the SP.

[161] Albert Einstein said: "Only the Church stood squarely across the path of Hitler's campaign for suppressing the truth. I never had any special interest in the Church before, but now I feel a great affection and admiration for it because the Church alone has had the courage and persistence to stand for intellectual truth and moral freedom. I am forced to confess that what I once despised I now praise unreservedly."

[162] Matthew 23 is one of the harshest dissertations given by Jesus to the religious leaders. This sermon was a pronouncement of final judgment against the religious leaders and their followers. At the end of the message, when Jesus said, "See! Your house is left to you desolate" (v. 38), He was pronouncing Ichabod ("the glory has departed") on the temple. Instead of "My Father's house" (John 2:16), it was now "your house." In the exact same way, we leave the SP to those who operate it. To those who created it and the sympathizers who support it, it belongs to them and we leave it to them.

[163] Only a fool will reject the notion of Godly principles and their application to resistance.