

Smith, Patrick

From: Josie Cheetham [REDACTED]
Sent: Saturday, February 22, 2020 7:05 PM
To: Smith, Patrick
Subject: [EXTERNAL] Retaliation

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I can see the latest problem that has incurred at Crossroads Correction as more retaliation. First our son was removed from his pod because I called regarding the problem with the exhaust from the heaters highly likely causing carbon monoxide. 99.99% sure of this. It became a big issue when it could of been handled differently. Other parents called in as well.

Yesterday, Friday the 21th I called Crossroads to inquire what the rules are in regards to taking in a tablet of my prescription pain medicine and leaving it with the officer who checks us in as it was in the past. Rules change often on how this is handled. I was connected to a Ms. Mc Queen. She asked me when we would be coming and said she needed to ask her Captain and would call me back. Ms. Mc Queen called me back and told me I could not bring my prescription. She said it is looked upon as contraband. She said she spoke with both the Captain and the Chief. I said ok and we ended the conversation.

On Saturday morning the 22nd my husband and myself arrived to visit our son at approximately 9am. The officer at the desk said we could not visit and gave me a letter to read. The letter stated that I asked Ms. Mc Queen if I could bring my medicine that I was sick. She says I can't visit sick and should stay home till I am no longer sick. This conversation never happened. I never said I was sick. Crossroads knows I take pain medication if needed and in the past left it at the front with the officer. I asked to speak with who ever was in charge so I could tell him I was not sick and never was, that it was about a pain medicine. The officer said Captain Moorhardt would not come out to speak with me and she was to follow the letter he gave her. We had no choice but to leave.

Crossroads knows (they listen to our conversations) that we only visit our son once monthly because of financial issues. They know the long drive, six hours total, approximately 340 miles is hard on me physically. This was mean and uncalled for. As you know I am asking that Crossroads install carbon monoxide detectors so a fatality/fatalities does not occur. It is for the good of the employees as well.

This action on their part making up a conversation totally different from what was actually said, asking us to leave, not allowing us to see our son was nothing short of retaliation because of the issue with the carbon monoxide.

Why does the warden and his staff behave like this? If something is so very wrong we will speak up. They are trying to intimidate us into submission instead of working together to make a safe place for the inmates and employees. I truly don't understand their harsh attitude. When something is so wrong you fix it for safety sake. Why all the anger and retaliation.

Tom and Josie Cheetham

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Reginal Michael

Smith, Patrick

From: Josie Cheetham [REDACTED]
Sent: Sunday, February 23, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Smith, Patrick
Subject: [EXTERNAL] concerns

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Mr. Smith, my husband and myself are feeling concerned for our sons safety given how things are being handled at Crossroads over the issue of the Carbon Monoxide detectors. Moving our son from his pod where he was happy stating they moved him because he was unhappy. making up a fictitious letter as to why I called regarding my medication, denying us visitation. What more are they capable of and willing to do to silence us?

Are they ever going to allow us to visit our son or have excuses when we arrive to deny us visitation or allow us in and then come into the visiting area and embarrass us and ask us to leave? What length will they go? I have no e/m for Warden McTighe. He didn't return my calls last time and our call did not go well. He now has the rest of his staff blocking me. The warden is the one that runs the prison and should be available to the concerned loved ones of the inmates in his care.

Sincerely,

Tom and Josie Cheetham