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Prison Issues Board Meeting

My name is Casey Rudd and I am the Founder/Director of Connections. We have several programs within our organization of which one is called Con Connection where one of our tasks is to advocate for prisoners in Montana. Also within our organization is a network called the Montana Criminal Justice Reform Network with a current membership of 3500 persons who are interested in helping to create "positive change" within the current system. We have an Advisory Board made up of 70 prisoners located in every facility in the state that represent their facilities. Today we would like to bring forward their concerns. I am submitting issues from every facility and would appreciate a decision from this Board when one is rendered.

Thank you for considering these issues if you have any questions please contact me at the numbers above.

Sincerely,

Casey Rudd

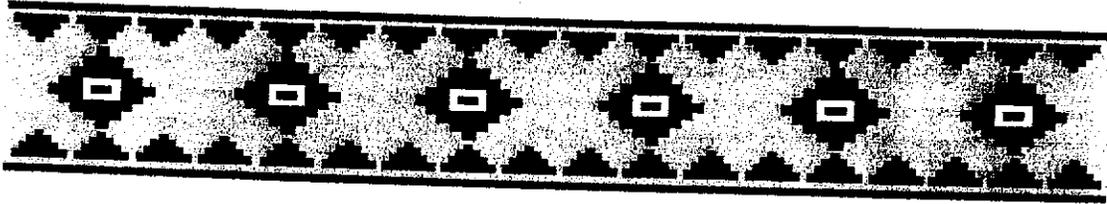
To: Prison Issue Board

Re: Please add the concerns of the Montana Criminal Justice Reform Network to the agenda for the Sept. 13th meeting. The following list comes from the facilities listed.

- **MSP-** the grievance policy not being followed, some staff refuse to process the grievances, wages were lowered and canteen prices were raised making it difficult for inmates to get what they need. Why is it that inmates can buy things on canteen and then they are taken and have to be sent home only to buy something else such as the CD players and CD's to be replaced by MP3 players the songs are \$2 a piece and have to be approved song's this is very costly when CDs have already been bought. All musical instruments were taken for no apparent reason. With winter coming there are concerns about not layering clothes or wearing gloves which were not allowed last winter is this the policy again this year.
- **SHELBY-** Outdated law library (2004) Inmates being charged \$5.00 for ID card and indigent inmates can't afford to pay. Inadequate diet and snacks for diabetics, no glucose in pod controls, administration changes times for type 1 to get their insulin it's been changed 10 times so far this year. Not enough staff
- **GLENDIVE-** Phone system is expensive, can they have the same system MSP has? Their asking for a Sweat Lodge there seems to be plenty of room outside and they can get donations so there is no cost to the jail..
- **GREAT FALLS-** Canteen prices to high why aren't all the facilities offering the same as MSP? Phone system to high (30 min \$16) why can't they have the new system same as MSP? CCDC following FDOC policy for vendors instead of MDOC.

Thank you for your consideration of these issues if you have any questions or need more information please contact me at caseyconnections@msn.com.

Casey Rudd



June 29, 2011

To: Mike Ferriter
MDOC Director
State Capitol
Helena, MT 59620

From: Mary Shea
1949 Pasadena Avenue
Fillmore, CA 93015

Dear Mr. Ferriter,

I am the sister of inmate, Richard Raugust. I have enclosed a proposal that my brother has drafted that I believe is an incredible idea that should be seriously considered and implemented. Richard's idea is to provide education to the MSP inmates at virtually no cost to the state. This proposal takes into consideration implementation as well as safety issues.

This education proposal is rehabilitative, productive, and requires no additional staff. On behalf of my loved one and every other inmate wanting to improve his/her life, I thank you for any assistance that you may provide in making this idea a reality.

Sincerely,

Mary C. Shea

OFFICE OF THE LT. GOVERNOR
STATE OF MONTANA

BRIAN SCHWEITZER
GOVERNOR



JOHN BOHLINGER
LT. GOVERNOR

July 5, 2011

Mary Shea
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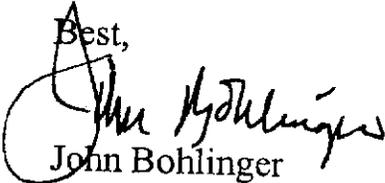
Re: Inmate Richard Raugust AO#42859

Dear Mary,

I have just received your letter regarding your brother, Richard and his ideas that he has proposed for the Montana corrections system in regards to education opportunities for inmates. A good education is the cornerstone of a fulfilling life, and is a prudent direction for someone who wishes to rehabilitate his or her life.

I am forwarding your letter along with your brother's ideas over to Mike Ferriter, Director of the Montana Department of Corrections, for his consideration.

Best,


John Bohlinger
Lt. Governor

CC: Director Ferriter, Department of Corrections

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS



BRIAN SCHWEITZER, GOVERNOR

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July 7, 2011

Ms. Mary Shea
1949 Pasadena Ave.
Fillmore, CA 93015

Dear Mary,

I received your letter supporting the "educational opportunity" as described by your brother, Richard Raugust. It is evident that Richard has been very thoughtful with his proposal.

I see that he has passed on the idea to several top level managers at Montana State Prison. By copy of this letter, I will ask Deputy Warden Ross Swanson to ensure that Montana State Prison's educational staff review the proposal. I will also ask Mr. Swanson to bring the idea forward at the next meeting where staff discuss inmate welfare funds if the educational department request that we pursue the idea.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Mike Ferriter".

Mike Ferriter
Director

cc: Ross Swanson
Lt. Gov. John Bohlinger

PROPOSAL

TO: MDOC/MSP
Administration
Andrew Olcott - MCE

August 25, 2011

FROM: IWF Representatives

At this time we would like to propose that some hobby issues be cleared up for the betterment of the rehabilitative goals of the state and the men and women housed under the care and custody of the MDOC.

IF possible, will run this through whatever channels needed so we can improve the MCE Hobby Program?

- 1) When a citizen/inmate does horeshair art, (H/H), he is technically not allowed to buy/use conchos, (but), if he had a leather (or) beading permit this is okay. Can we be allowed this hobby item to improve the materials available for our H/H art. These conchos are already available from approved vendors: Weaver Leather, (which has the good MT. Silversmiths) brand, Hithching Post, & Tandy;
- 2) Can H/H artists be allowed (sterling silver) necklace/bracelet s-hooks- clasps? These are currently allowed for a beading permit from approved vendors?
- 3) Can H/H artists be allowed (Bolo Tips), Sterling Silver, which is currently allowed for leather permits. As it stands now, we can get Slides w/ a leather permit but no tips?
- 4) Can H/H artists be allowed (6) rolls of lace instead of (1). This is currently okay if you hold a leather permit?
- 5) Can H/H artists be allowed (4) rolls/bobbins/spools of thread-string instead of only (1)? This is currently allowed for beading and leather.
- 6) Tape is allowed for art and leather but not H/H? Can we be allowed this needed item?
- 7) Art permit holders need more than (24) pencils, we ask that in the interest of better/quality art that the limit be upped to only (60) pencils, (48) colored and (12) drawing. H/H artist can have (24) and that is not their primary tool?
- 8) Can hobbyists be allowed a handheld plastic pencil shaprener as some pencils are a bit expensive and the ones in the dayrooms eat them up fast. These were allowed in the past with no problems and the blades in them are smaller than the razors you sell us?
- 9) Please also consider mechanical pencils as they greatly improve the drawing quality.
- 10) Also please allow the (Pastel Sticks) to be in pencil form as they offer greater control.

All these items would greatly improve our hooby program and cost the state nothing, not be a threat to security and fit into the space we are allotted, besides giving us more choices in being creative & productive. Thanks for your time!!!

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CANTEEN: ONE-FOR-ONE ANNUAL EXCHANGE PROPOSAL

1. Item #629 - Safeguard soap for a new kind of soap, e.g., Irish Spring which most prisons provide to their canteen list.
2. Item #537 - Macaroni & Cheese exchange for the old item "bag of shredded beef." The inmates are looking for another item with more protein value.
3. Item #698 - Everyone is having problems with the diameter & size of the socks currently sold on the canteen. They are "too tight" & restrict proper circulation. Inmates would like to request a crew-cut sock (mid-size) . A universal size from the Hanes Company just as our underwear is from the Hanes Company.
4. Item #910 - Exchange the Ketchup for the Salsa Sauce (squeeze bottle) like we used to have on canteen.
5. Item #133 - The current "Power Up" deodorant sold on canteen stains everyone's T-Shirts a yellowish color that cannot be removed regardless of the amount of soap that is used for laundry. Inmates would like to request a new item such as Right Guard, alcohol free, non-stain gel in a clear tube compliant with policy.
6. Item #570 - Replace the current BBQ Chips with one of the following: Doritos Salsa, Doritos Cool Ranch, or Ruffles Cheddar Sour Cream Chips.
7. Item #788 - Replace the current "refried beans" with the old "Snappy Jacks Chili Beans". Inmates preferred the old "refried beans" as opposed to the current beans.
8. Item #140 - Inmates would like to request "Microwavr Popcorn" to replace the current popcorn on the canteen.
9. Item #118 - Inmates would like to request the removal of the current margarine packs and be replaced with a microwavable "white rice packet."
10. Soda Pop Exchanges: The removal of Pepsi, Coke Classic, & Mountain Dew, to be replaced with: Shasta Blackcherry, Shasta Coke, & Cream Soda. These brands are very good and are much more affordable for the inmates.

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Approved
JK

CANTEEN SUGGESTIONS

1. Trade out brand name sodas for either cheaper or generic sodas, providing there is a significant price decrease.
2. Replace a couple of the Ramen Soups with a couple of different flavors, i.e., shrimp or picante chicken.
3. A lot of inmates are saying that the Hypo-Alle Lotion has a very bad smell.
4. Item #141 - Removal of the current "Beef Stick" for the addition of the already approved \$8.00 bag of Hi-Country Beef Jerkey we receive at Christmas time.
5. The increase of the purchase of Gatorade packets from the current "one per week" to "four p r week." The packets are only 2.8 oz cups.
6. Replace the current "Kars Mixed Nuts" back to the Barcelona Nuts. The Barcelona Nuts have a more higher quality of nuts.

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Approved
[Signature]

Richard Raugust AO# 42859
Inmate Welfare Fund Rep
Montana State Prison

August 15, 2011

RE: "New" magazine policy list/revision (in addition to)
the State's proposed (68) magazine list

TO:
MDOC Legal - Mike Ferriter - Warden Mahoney -
Warden Swanson - Warden Mihelich - Warden Beeson -
Security Major Wood - MCE/ Andrew Olcott -
MT. A.C.L.U. - Casey Rudd - Mary Shea Esq.

To all Concerned:

Please see attached list/request, (2 pgs.), to have at least these 195+ magazines, protected First Amendment Materials, (added) to the State's proposed list of (68) items. These publications are not a threat to the safety and security of any State prison, and would tend to subserve the rehabilitative process at virtually no cost to the State.

There is certainly no valid neutral penological objective to hinder, thwart, burden or chill our First Amendment Rights, and as a matter of fact, the tax-payers of Montana would also benefit from this act.

Also, please reconsider (not) allowing our family and friends to buy us magazine and or book subscriptions/publications, as this is counter-rehabilitative and appears to violate controlling law on this First Amendment issue.

Any publication with literary/social/artistic/educational/or instructive value is guaranteed to (all) citizens of the United States, and Montana. Material of this nature is the cornerstone of human dignity and to deny, limit, hinder or chill these rights in any way violates the evolving standards of human decency!

We thank you all for your attention and consideration to this very serious matter.

DATE DELIVERED 8-16-11

A/W Myron Beeson myb AW

L/S IWF REP Dick Ste 8-16-11

H/S IWF REP Richard Raugust 8-16-11

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AT 8-16-11
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FORWARDED TO
ABOVE STAFF

1	Ultimate Motorcycling	53	Jet
2	Northwest Flyfishing	54	Hoop
3	Poets & Writers	55	Sporting News
4	Trout, Salmon & Steelhead	56	Fitness
5	Mother Earth News	57	Self
6	FLEX	58	Vogue
7	Muscle & Fitness	59	Allure
8	Super Street Bike	60	Artists
9	Power Lifting USA	61	Bike
10	Rolling Stone	62	Cabella's Outfitter Journal
11	Revolver	63	Conde Nast Traveller
12	G.Q.	64	Country Living
13	Gold Prospector	65	Beading World
14	Backpacker	66	Dirt Bike
15	Nascar Illustrated	67	Eurotuner
16	Rod & Custom	68	Family Circle
17	Sport Rider	69	Free Skier
18	Super Chevy	70	Glamour
19	Truckin	71	Golf Digest
20	Flying	72	Horse
21	Plane & Pilot	73	Horoscope Guide
22	Canoe & Kayaking	74	Horse & Rider
23	Sailing World	75	Horticulture
24	Forbes	76	Import Tuner
25	Black Enterprise	77	Ladie's Home Journal
26	Inc.	78	Native Peoples - and others
27	Home Business	79	Shaman's Drum
28	Smart Money	80	Powder
29	T.V. Guide	81	Ski
30	Alaska	82	Snowboarder
31	Hobby Farms	83	Southwest Art
32	Yoga	84	Sports Afield
33	Log Home Living	85	Urban Farm
34	Hot Bike	86	US Weekly
35	Esguire	87	Vegetarian Times
36	V-TWIN	88	World of Sudoku
37	Acoustic Guitar	89	Writer's Digest
38	Spin	90	American Songwriter
39	Four Wheel Drive	91	Writer's Journal
40	World Of Puzzles	92	Juxtupoz
41	Dell Original Sudoku	93	Christian Science Monitor
42	Bicycling	94	Water Color - & other art mags
43	Climbing	95	New Witch
44	Four - Wheelers	96	Welding Design & Fabrication
45	Scuba	97	The World of Welding
46	Skateboarding	98	Practical Welding Today
47	Trail Runner	99	The Fabricator
48	Surfing	100	Mushing
49	Bible Archaeology Review	101	Reptiles
50	Christianity Today	102	American Artist
51	Vibe	103	American Indian Art Magazine
52	Psychology Today	104	Architectural Digest

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| 105 | Artist's Palette | 153 | Northern Woodlands Magazine |
| 106 | Art Times | 154 | Outdoor America |
| 107 | C | 155 | Whisper In The Woods |
| 108 | Direct Art Magazine | 156 | Laptop |
| 109 | Wildlife Art | 157 | Wired Magazine |
| 110 | Humanities | 158 | Nature Photographer |
| 111 | Trail & Timberline | 159 | Reason |
| 112 | VFW Magazine | 160 | Rosicrucian Digest |
| 113 | Body & Soul | 161 | Cowboys & Indians |
| 114 | Fate Magazine | 162 | Catholic Digest |
| 115 | Prediction Magazine | 163 | The Christian Century |
| 116 | Whole Life Times | 164 | What Is Enlightenment |
| 117 | American Motorcyclist | 165 | Astronomy |
| 118 | Auto Restorer | 166 | Cosmos Magazine |
| 119 | Autoweek | 167 | Leading Edge |
| 120 | Backroads | 168 | Tales Of The Talisman |
| 121 | Live To Ride | 169 | Fly Fisherman Magazine |
| 122 | Rider | 170 | Game & Fish |
| 123 | Wheels | 171 | Dirt Rider |
| 124 | ZOOM | 172 | Road Racer X |
| 125 | Money | 173 | Tri Athlete Magazine |
| 126 | Vanity Fair | 174 | Skating |
| 127 | Nature & Health | 175 | Skiing |
| 128 | Spirituality & Healing | 176 | Diver |
| 129 | Vibrant Life | 177 | Paddler's Magazine |
| 130 | Military History | 178 | Cosmo Girl |
| 131 | Smart Money Magazine | 179 | Camping Today |
| 132 | American Careers | 180 | Luxury Travel Magazine |
| 133 | True West | 181 | Christian Women |
| 134 | Baby Talk | 182 | Women's Life |
| 135 | American Craft | 183 | Maxim |
| 136 | Chess Life | 184 | Planet Muscle |
| 137 | Bead & Button | 185 | Curves |
| 138 | The New York Times Magazine | 186 | FHM |
| 139 | Eco Home Designs | 187 | Low Rider |
| 140 | The Polishing Stone | 188 | Ink |
| 141 | Organic Gardening | 189 | Tattoo |
| 142 | Today's Parent | 190 | Mini Truck |
| 143 | Broken Pencil | 191 | Palabra |
| 144 | Fit Pregnancy | 192 | La Raza |
| 145 | Mad Magazine | 193 | Sufi Journal |
| 146 | American Poetry Review | 194 | Rattle |
| 147 | The Barefoot Muse | 195 | Prison Legal News |
| 148 | Inkwell | | |
| 149 | The New Writer | | |
| 150 | Poetry | | |
| 151 | Think Journal | | |
| 152 | Guitar One | | |

As well as (all) newspapers, catalogs, trade journals and (any) other publications that are not a threat to the safety & security of the facility or the treatment of a specific inmate on a case by case basis