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Re: Anthony T. Williams  
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Dear Warden Henson,

This letter is a follow up of our phone conversation held on March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 2022. In that phone conversation, I informed you of the issues (problems) that my family member, Anthony T. Williams, is being faced with inside OCI system.

I am sending this letter to you via fax and certified mail, because I want to ensure that this mail will reach you. I attempted to email it to you twice per your above email address, however, for some reason, it has been rejected. I'm not sure if my certified mail will be given to you, since most of Anthony's snail mails and Jpay emails are being censored, in which his emails from his friends and families are not being forwarded to him. This has been chronically going on since he was placed in OCI and lately, these treatments against him had gotten worse.

I also mailed a certified mail to the previous warden before you, and although I tracked it per USPS tracking system that it was received in OCI mailroom, my letter was not forwarded to the Warden. Perhaps, I have a better chance of this mail being received, if sent to you via fax and via certified mail. I'll take any chances. I am delineating those issues again to refresh your memory:

1. On February 15, 2022: Office K. Collins, While Anthony was in the cafeteria line to obtain his food. Ms. Collins verbally threatened Anthony and stated: "I am going to put a hit on you and have you knocked off."
  - a. This threat of Ms. Collins was heard and witnessed by several other inmates who were on the same line in the cafeteria with Anthony. These witnesses had given their written and signed testimonies to Anthony and he attached it to his grievance form that he submitted.
  - b. On this same day of Ms. Collin's verbal threat, Anthony called me and the other members of his family, to inform us about what she stated against Anthony, so that in the event something happened to him, that his family are aware of this situation.
  - c. Anthony filed a grievance against Ms. Collins. Thus far, the response to his grievance by the Officer stated that: "Ms. Collins denied that she ever verbally threatened Anthony."

2. Mail room issue: Ms. C. Tharp and the staff in the mail room, has been holding Anthony's (personal and/or court document mails) incoming mails and outgoing mails.
  - a. This "holding of his mails" has been chronically been going on since he was initially transferred to OCI, circa: 2020-2021.
  - b. Due to the tampering"" of his mails by the mail room staffs, (which is a Federal offense, a felony punishable by jail term), Anthony's outgoing mails to the 17<sup>th</sup> District of Southern Florida Court, was NOT received by the court. Also, the court's response letters to Anthony were NOT delivered to him. Thus, he missed the deadline to re-send his Motion. As a result, Anthony's case was closed.
  - c. Anthony filed numerous and multiple grievances in regards to Ms. C. Tharp holding his mails, and ALL his grievances had been ignored and shoved under the rug, to date.
  - d. I do have numerous mails returned to me specifically by Ms. C. Tharp including numerous "certified mails" returned to me.
  - e. Those certified mails were tracked and it showed that OCI mailroom received them. However, as I reiterate, either regular mails and certified mails were not forwarded to him and or were held 3-5 days before it was delivered to him.
  - f. I will make copies of those certified mails (held for several days) and regular mails that were returned to me, and I will email you those copies as a "late exhibit attachments," as proofs.
  
3. JPay emails' issue: Similarly, to Anthony's snail mail issues above stated, his emails were not being forwarded on the same day and specially on weekends. Compared to the other inmates that usually receive their emails within 2 hours and/or the same day it was sent to their families. This fact was verified by Anthony as he asked the other inmates' email process.
  
4. Anthony stated that Inmates are smoking inside the dorms and inside their cells, 24/7. Regular cigarettes and Marijuana are being smoked by the inmates.
  - a. Cigarettes and marijuana usage are rampant and pervasive inside the OCI facilities. Who are bringing these "contraband" into the facilities?
  - b. Why are the inmates that smoke these contrabands are NOT being investigated nor indicted?
  - c. These contrabands are against the Florida Administrative Rules. Why are the Officers in the OCI facilities allowing these "contrabands" to infiltrate the OCI facilities?
  
5. Foods being served in the cafeteria are either several days old, cold and undigestible by the inmates. However, due to the fact that the inmates have no other recourse, except to eat foods that are "worse than dog food," they have no choice, otherwise, they starved.
  - a. Dehumanization of inmates.
  
6. New Policy by the OCI system effective Feb. 28<sup>th</sup>, 2022 that ALL the incoming personal mails by each inmate are now directed to a central location: P.O. Box 23608; Tampa, Florida 33623:
  - a. Personal letters are digitalized, digital copies are forwarded to each inmate via their tablets.
  - b. These "digitalized letters" are hard to read in their tablets because the copies are too light, therefore, difficult for the inmates to read, specially those with no reading glasses.
  - c. Physical letters are being kept in the centralized facility in Tampa Florida. Why? when these "physical mails"" are the inmates' "personal connections" from their loved ones.
  - d. Copies of physical letters are 25 cents for black and white and \$1 USD for colored copies.
  - e. Inmates are already considered "paupers," especially those that are not receiving any financial assistance from their families.

- f. "Extortion and dehumanization" by the Florida Prison Systems against these "voiceless" inmates, and further violations of their civil rights are rampant and pervasive.

Warden Henson, I do not condone those inmates that are criminals and committed heinous and horrific crimes against society. Inmates who were sentenced for crimes committed are genuinely deserving of their sentences. However, in rare occasion, some inmates had been wrongfully accused and unfortunately, received such unwarranted sentencing. Anthony, is one of those "rare" individuals that was wrongfully sentenced. As a Pro Se litigant, he is diligently proving his innocence of which his efforts are being thwarted in EVERY possible means due to the issues listed above.

In light of what you stated that you will do to follow up and investigate the issues and concerns I spoke with you about, I added issues #s: 4, 5, & 6 above that I did not address with you thru our phone call, to lessen the time of our conversation, as I was cognizant of your very busy schedule.

You stated that you will do follow-up investigations to obtain resolutions of these issues by doing the following:

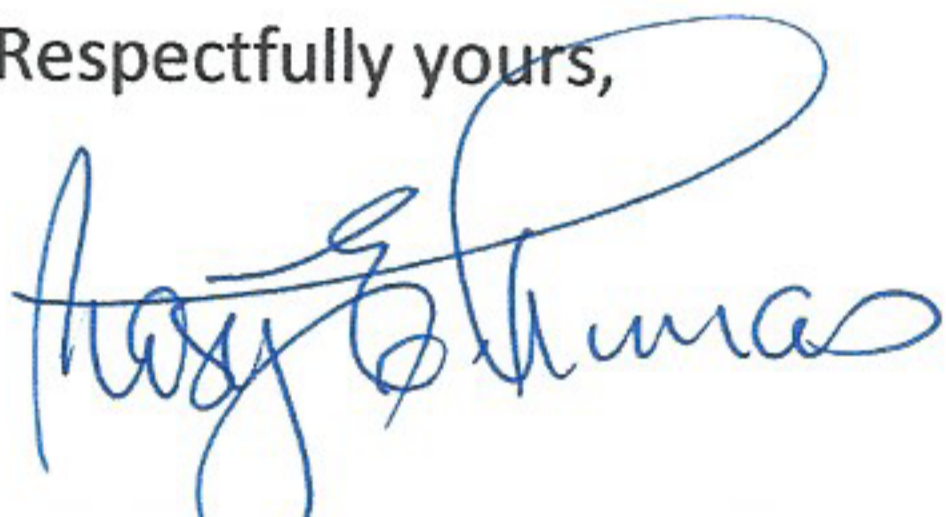
1. You will do a follow up investigation by involving Anthony to ask for his personal statements to validate ALL the issues listed above.
2. You will do a follow up Investigation of the OCI Officers to warrant Anthony's and my verbal complaints via our phone conversation.
3. You will do a follow up investigation by obtaining video review, date and time of the verbal threat against Anthony by Ms. Collins.
4. You will do a follow up to ensure that Anthony's physical safety and that he is protected from any harm or danger.
5. You will do a follow up with the mail room issues and investigate Ms. C. Tharp and the other staff in the mailroom.

This was three weeks ago (3/3/22) when we spoke. You are a respected Warden, who is the top leader of OCI. You have the power to make changes and resolve issues in OCI facility. You have the righteous responsibility to either "ignore the issues, shove it all under the rug," and or follow up to investigate these concerns, as you informed me, to ensure that all these issues brought forth, are validated, substantiated and resolved.

As a dignified, well respected, OCI warden, Anthony's families have a high expectation of you to ascertain that you are a man of your word. Thus, we are holding you accountable that fair justice will be served for Anthony's concerns and issues are followed up and resolutions are justifiably done.

We are highly appreciative of your honesty and transparency by you sending us your written response, as to the outcome of your investigations of the above issues, in all due respect.

Respectfully yours,



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