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## Patten's Points

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One Striker addresses MSOP's refusal to accommodate to his religious needs. His complaint is applicable to all men at MSOP, which is a cookie cutter "program" that ignores each man's unique personality. Daniel L. Patten is a 60 year-old man who refused to eat for 12 days, skipping 35 meals in an attempt to get his grievances heard. Mr. Patten lost 16 pounds, which was 9% of his body mass. Mr. Patten experienced a significant decline in cognitive function and suffered from depression during the Hunger Strike. The following was written by Mr. Patten. Notice the last part of this document in the "Mental Health Record" which states that Mr. Patten, "has no recent mental health issues," yet he is confined to a secure mental health institution.

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**2/7/2021**



TO:  
FROM:  
SUBJECT:  
DATE: Monday, February 01, 2021

In preparation for the meeting – tentatively scheduled for Thursday, February 4, 2021, with those of us on UNIT C and currently Hunger Striking, I have prepared a sort of ***Bullet Point Type Presentation***. I must speak for myself and about myself. I'll try to keep it short.

- **The Officials I'm dealing with are not applying "Person-Centered Approach" defined by DCT Policy Number 115-1075. It reads as follows:**

**Person-Centered Approach - interacting with each other and the people we serve by discovering and understanding what is "important to a person" so that we can, with correct balance of the "important for", provide the highest quality of care to those we serve. It is "partnering with" rather than exercising "power over" others.**

I am stymied by this, because I am a Bible reading Christian and can only accept teaching founded upon Jesus Christ. He's my answer to everything. He's my Savior and my King.

I've informed various Officials working at this facility, to mention a few: Paul Mayfield; Mike McEachran Jr.; Nicole Vaineo; Courtney Menten; and Peter Puffer, that I am a Bible reading Christian.

I asked for an Alternative Program that does not ask me to oppose Biblical Teachings.

I appealed all the way to St. Paul but was told that the form I pulled off the Client Network Computer and used wasn't the right form. This cemented the message for me that no MSOP Official even wanted to hear what I was saying.

DCT Policy Number 115-1075 is not vague. Those working inside a Direct Care and Treatment Facility have an obligation.

**POLICY: Direct Care and Treatment (DCT) employees must adhere to the provisions of Minn. Stat. §§ 43A.38 and 15.43 and maintain appropriate standards of professionalism, accountability, and integrity.**

The refusal to apply and honor DCT Policy Number: 115-1075, a refusal on the part of MSOP Officials, cancels my ability to progress.

I wrote up an Individualized Treatment Plan (ITP) that is not in opposition to the Bible and submitted it to Mike McEachran Jr. He ignores my input. I am again stymied by a guy that does not even listen to my words.

- **I also attach two evaluations done by the Department of Corrections, one dated on March 15, 2006, and the other on July 23, 2009. I do this to make two points.**

The first box on both forms read like this “He has no recent or current mental health issues.”

That is what is supposed to be evaluated “recent or current” issues.

Your Officials, Crystal Corrine Leal and Elizabeth Kay Peterson, have both reached so far into the past, highlighting 1990, 1983, and 1978, to support their theories about what they imagine might be an issue for me. The DSM5 is being misapplied.

There isn't a person on the planet capable of changing anything that happened more than three decades ago.

I met with Ms. Leal in the fall of 2019 and informed her that I am living an Asexual Lifestyle, and she argued with me and challenged me on whether I knew the meaning of an Asexual Lifestyle.

I took the matter to CORE GROUP and was informed, by Official Kent Warren Johansen, that a person would have to have been born asexual. I was prepared and gave the CORE GROUP the dictionary definition of an Asexual Lifestyle. I will simply write this out for you, because I don't have access to the library's encyclopedia features to make a copy. An Asexual Lifestyle is akin to platonic in all my relationships.

The Bible has taught me that to even think lustfully about a woman I'm not married to is as much of a sin as committing adultery. Matthew, Chapter 19, instructs those able to live without sexual relations to do so.

Masturbation isn't permitted for me, and I stopped many years ago. Long before leaving the Department of Corrections.

In the fall of 2020, I met with Ms. Leal and asked her to please give me a written indicated of the *here and now* symptoms she sees to support the “diagnoses” she endorses with her signature, but she wrote about dates, times, and events from 1990 and before.

Arguing with me about whether I understand the meaning of an Asexual Lifestyle is insulting and provocative. The insults and provocations are a hindrance to my progression.

Also, while in that 2020 meeting with Ms. Leal, I detected that she was frightened of me.

The woman asked me whether I wanted somebody to: “Come into the room with me.”

That's never happened before, and I asked her what she was getting at.

The response was that maybe I wanted a support person.

Because she'd never brought that issue up before, and based on the timbre of her voice, I guesstimated that *she* wanted somebody in the room. I asked her whether she needed a support person.

She denied it, but I was informed after the meeting that "a guard was standing outside the door and watching the whole time I was in the meeting."

Because she focuses on 1990, and prior, I have no chance to advance. I am stymied.

### ➤ **The Physical Plant**

I've been to the DOC's facilities @ Oak Park and Rush City and know what I'm looking at here in the backwoods of Moose Lake.

The doors are metal, which denotes this is at the least a close-custody prison.

We are surrounded by a grove of trees and then two sets of fences topped with barbs that'll hook muscle and cut deep.

There are other features that would allow me to think this is maximum-custody, but it's certainly not a hospital. Every hospital takes wheel chairs into consideration. This facility is not wheel chair friendly.

Let's talk about living and working inside a prison setting, because anybody @ university for two years cannot avoid reading through a few textbooks in the soft-sciences. Unless somebody does their work for them, they will encounter the renowned social psychologist Philip Zimbardo and be introduced to some information about his Stanford Prison Experiment.

I'm going to save some time by not giving all the details, but Zimbardo placed several students into a building that was to function as a prison. Some would be guards and others inmates.

An *us and them attitude* set in fast; things became violent and unmanageable. The plug had to be pulled on the experiment, because somebody was going to get seriously injured.

Zimbardo's experiment exposed a universal truth: "An *us and them viewpoint* will naturally occur in any prison setting."

Inmates don't trust guards; guards don't trust inmates.

With just a couple exceptions, those confined @ the MSOP were in the Minnesota Department of Corrections prior to this experienced. We see many of the same guards and evidence of MINNCOR. The fences, brown uniforms, and policy booklets scream "Department of Corrections."

Mike McEachran Jr. [for example] showed us the MSOP Officials can transfer back and forth; you're in the same union, and Governor Dayton's November 13, 2013, letter to Commissioner Jesson ends with a carbon copy to the DOC Commissioner Tom Roy.

### **Proposal**

I am not expecting that every problem shall be fixed and changed overnight; however, I ask for the following changes to make my suffering at least more tolerable.

1. I want the ITP I've attached incorporated and accepted;
2. I want a real examination that focuses on the last year and asks what observable symptoms have I displayed within that twelve month block of time;
  - a. I want every "diagnosis" that cannot be supported by observable symptoms in the last twelve months removed from my charts;
  - b. This examination needs to be done by some who isn't afraid of me;
3. I want to be assigned to work with somebody who is not a Jesus hater;
4. I want to be removed from programming not founded upon Jesus Christ; and
5. Ultimately, I want a clear pathway the leads me to liberty and home.


Minnesota Department of Corrections  
Behavioral Health  
MCF-Moose Lake  
**Mental Health Record**

Name: PATTEN, Daniel      OID# 109623      Date: 03/15/06

This offender's file was reviewed in preparation for his transfer to MCF-Rush City tomorrow.

- He has no recent or current mental health issues.
- He has a history of mental health issues within the past year, but is receiving no services currently.
- He currently has mental health issues requiring follow-up care. His file should be reviewed by mental health staff at his new facility.
- He currently has mental health issues requiring urgent follow-up care. He should be seen by mental health staff as soon as possible.

Comments:

  
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MCF-Rush City  
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Name: Patten, Daniel

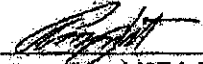
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Date: 7/23/09

This inmate's file was reviewed in preparation for his transfer to MCF-Moose Lake.

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