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## ocean

Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations  
Empowering offenders to become Defenders

Defender: "1. to protect from danger, attack, or harm... 2. To support or maintain, as by argument or action; justify... to make a defense... lat. *Defendere*, to ward off..." (American Heritage Dictionary)

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1st Amendment: Congress shall make no law respecting an establishment of religion, or prohibiting the free exercise thereof; or abridging the freedom of speech, or of the press; or the right of the people peaceably to assemble, and to petition the government for a redress of grievances.

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*OCEAN Co-founder Russell John Hatton filed a petition seeking discharge through the Special Review Board. The Special Review Board Mary F. Jenson, chair, Dr. Thomas Stapleton; and William Donney in the 2020 SRB Findings of Fact and Recommendation corroborated Mr. Hatton's growth and indeed recommended he be granted a transfer to Community Preparation Services (CPS) to begin a step-down process to reintegration, along with continuing individual therapy. On January 20, 2021 Mr. Hatton consented to an independent examination conducted by Dr. Tyler Dority. On January 18, 2021 Dr. Dority concurred with the SRB's Findings of Facts and recommended transfer to CPS for Mr. Hatton. Mr. Hatton is scheduled for a Commitment Appeal Panel May 21<sup>st</sup> 2021 for the panel to rule on the SRB and Dr. Dority's Findings of Facts and recommendation for transfer to CPS, as well as to hear Mr. Hatton's legal argument for why he is entitled to a full discharge.*

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To learn more about the Minnesota Gulag scam go to: [thevoicesofocean.net](http://thevoicesofocean.net)

Questions or comments? Write to the OCEAN founders, Daniel A. Wilson [daw] & Russell J. Hatton [rjh]  
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## ocean co-founder seeks community support for discharge

My name is Russell John Hatton. Alongside Daniel A. Wilson, we are the founders of Overcoming Corruption Empowering All Nations (OCEAN). Some of you may know me, spoken with me, or read my name on OCEAN newsletters and other documents. Collaborating with Daniel and OCEAN supporters in the free world (OCEAN Coalition) has been the most inspiring work I've done to date. I am especially inspired and enthusiastically motivated (albeit impatiently) by everyone's collaboration. It moves me beyond words. I say 'impatiently' because in my mind I can see the solutions to our problems clearly. However, my enthusiasm often interferes with my ability to get my thoughts from my mind to the paper. I thank all of you so very much!

The reason for this letter is to invite the public my Commitment Appeal Panel (CAP) hearing scheduled for May 21, 2021. You can participate via Zoom. Those able to participate can contact my lawyer, Ross Trooien at (218) 910-7677. Although not necessary to participate, I encourage you to write a letter defining your support, which can be emailed to Mr. Trooien [ross@rosslawmn.com](mailto:ross@rosslawmn.com) and also sent to the Commitment Appeal Panel at:

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305 Minnesota Judicial Center  
25 Rev. Dr. Martin Luther King Jr. Blvd.  
St. Paul MN 55155

My CAP Hearing is tentatively scheduled for one (1) day. However, Trooien doesn't think this is sufficient time and is seriously considering filing a motion to request more time. If he does request more time, the CAP or the State may request a continuance, pushing the hearing date out further. I believe we are in agreement when I say that every day I am in here, continues to cause harm.

In 2019, I filed a Petition for Full Discharge from Minnesota's Shadow Prison. I had consented to the programming for five (5) years under the misguided belief that "*in 2-3 years [I] will be out...*". I was told this lie by James Alsdurf, a court appointed assessor, as he shook my hand. In 2013, I rescinded my consent for treatment and began my studies in the academics of cognitive neuroscience (neuroplasticity) to begin my road to becoming the person I have always wanted to be: HEALTHY

### **A Little History**

In 2012, my Civil Rights were restored after completing my parole. I however, remain incarcerated in one of the most secure "hospitals" in America. My family could not understand how this was possible. Three years later, the Honorable Judge Donovan Frank, of the United State District Court, ruled the gulag unconstitutional and my family and children were excited for what looked like my long-awaited release... then came the Eighth Circuit ruling...

This wasn't the first devastating news though; in July of 2014, my late-wife, who was my high school sweetheart, Diana, lost her life to undetermined circumstances<sup>1</sup> at the young age of 30. Breaking the hearts of our six children, who had not only lost their father seven years prior, were now suddenly trying to grasp how their mother was so suddenly and tragically taken from their lives forever.

A year later, my children would lose their loving and devoted Grandmother, my mom, Rose, to metastatic breast cancer. I, mourning such intimate losses, was further aggrieved when the MSOP administration denied my request to attend my late-wife's wake and funeral in 2014, alleging her to be a "victim" due to us both being minors<sup>2</sup> when we had our first child. Then, the MSOP denied my transport to my mother's funeral stating that I should be grateful to have gotten to visit with her, while I was fully shackled, for a death-bed visit at the Bemidji hospital. A few years later, the MSOP would deny transport to my 2 year-old great-nephews wake and funeral after he was tragically murder by his father in a methamphetamine induced rage. The MSOP would not transport me to the Red Lake Reservation because his wake was held at a Community Center, which the gulag staff claimed is an "unlicensed facility."

You know, there was a time when my children would ask how many more days before I got out, because they wanted to build a paper chain to count down the days with me. In an indeterminate "treatment center" this is impossible. Eventually, there came a time when they stopped asking.

I share my story to show two things. 1) Just how inhumane the Minnesota Department of Human Services is in condoning its employees to make such inhumane choices for those it is meant to provide professional care to; and 2) that I have developed such a strong degree of resiliency and compassion. I know the man I want to become – the man and father I want my children to know. I know I have done horrible things and I have suffer that guilt, remorse, and shame because of these actions. However, I am determined to be a better person then I was 17 years ago and I am tired of alleged "doctors" telling me that I can't.

I know my request for your support is not simple. But I also know how much of an impact such support will have upon the CAP. I have been, and continue to work hard, with determination and perseverance, to show that I have not wasted a single moment of my time.

On February 15<sup>th</sup>, 2021 my son turned 14 years old. I can still see his little face, just a few days after his birth. I walked out of the courtroom on our way to serve the court imposed six (6) months sentence at the St. Cloud Department of Corrections, which would horrifically turn into fourteen (14) years in the MSOP. I say 'our' because I do not serve this time alone. I know this.

### **What I Want You To Know About Me**

I am a father of six, I have four biological children and two god-children. I am First Nation Anishinaabeg. I am an Honorary Pipe Carrier and practitioner of the Midewiwin Traditions<sup>3</sup> and Ceremonies. I am a practicing novice neuroplastician going on nearly a decade. What has kept

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<sup>1</sup> Diana's autopsy results were inconclusive as to a cause of death [See affidavit].

<sup>2</sup> *Id.*

<sup>3</sup> The Grand Medicine Society, Spiritual Advisor the late Richard Morrison

me going you may ask? The wanting to do good. The wanting to be a better person. The wanting to show my children that their father made bad choices in his life, but that the past does not determine who he has become. The wanting to help others achieve their full potentials.

Most of all, I really just want to be a good human being. That is what motivates me every morning I get up, it is also what keeps me up at night. I have worked and continue to work hard to develop an ongoing awareness of my unique role all the while maintaining role-appropriate boundaries. I strive to develop consistent and self-regulated, positive self-esteem, with accurate self-appraisal. I am fully capable of experiencing, tolerating, and regulating a full range of emotions. In my efforts for self-identification, my strengths are to set and aspire reasonable goals, based on a realistic assessments of my personal capabilities. I strive to utilize appropriate standards of behavior, all while attaining fulfillment in multiple fields of healthy lifestyle decisions. I have reflected on and make constructive meaning of internal experiences throughout my life.

After a near decade of compassion meditations, I have developed a profound degree of empathy. I am capable of accurately understanding others' experiences and motivations, in most situations. Additionally, I comprehend and appreciate other's perspectives, even when I may disagree. I am fully aware of the effect of my own actions on others and I am capable of maintaining multiple satisfying and enduring relationships in both my personal and community life. I have a desire to engage in a number of caring, close, and reciprocal relationships that promote healthy lifestyle choices.

### **What I Need From You**

**Support.** A solid, but flexible foundation to allow me to experience life realistically which allows me to grow and nurture my skills and capabilities for success.

**Presence.** Both now and in the future, as I desire to continue my work as a co-founder of OCEAN. A short-term/long-term goal Daniel and I is to go national with the work OCEAN is doing. Then, maybe one day (long-term), International.

Of course, I would more than anything want to be out from under the dependence of the DHS all together so that I can be with my family again. Realistically though, I know my successful reintegration will require that I have structure.

### **Conclusion**

As a co-founder of OCEAN, I am hoping that with the support and testimonies offered, the CAP may grant my full discharge. I then want to offer my time and energy as a volunteer working as an OCEAN Activist to bring down this Shadow Prison. Additionally, I want to work with the Coalition to develop Prevention Programs in the many areas David and I have discussed. Lastly, I want to work with professionals such as Dr. Lyle Wildes amongst others in the academics of neuroscience. I want to thank you in advance for considering my request and thank you for fighting alongside us in this struggle for justice.