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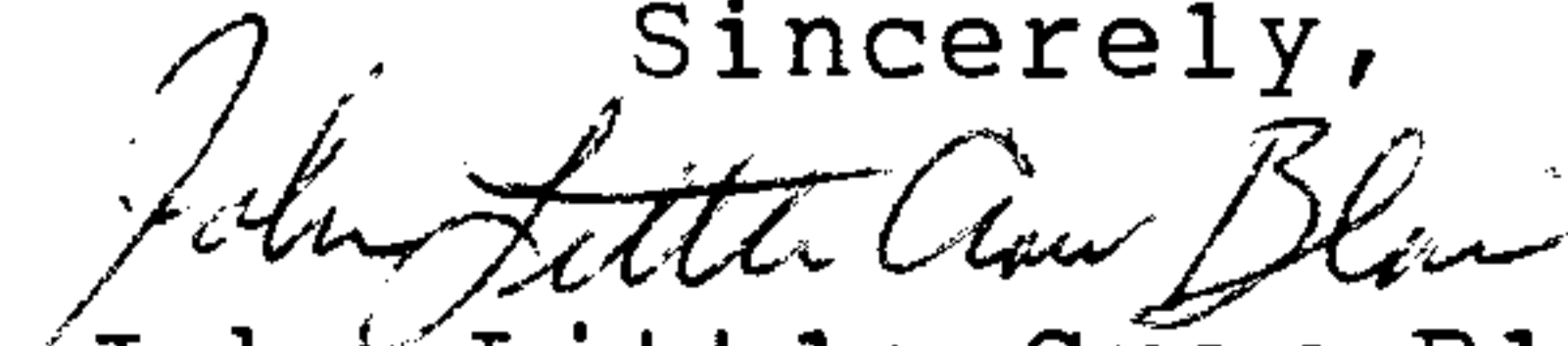
Greetings,

I just wanted to write you to let you know how some of the Correction Officers treat inmates. So the next time something happens on the outside and people want to know why another former inmate has turned nasty, this will help them understand. This may sound like a minor incident, but this is just an example of the power trips some of these Correction Officers are on.

On Tuesday, June 16th, 2009, I was at work in the shoe repair shop here at S.C.I. Mahanoy. It was my commissary day and my boss lets us go early so we can go to commissary. Our work day usually ends around 3:30 pm., but on our commissary days he lets us go around 3:00. Well, I got back to the block and asked the Block Officer, if he could send me to commissary. His reply was "I already went past your name so you'll have to wait until I go around again." Well he only got to the L's and we had to lock up. No more commissary for today. I did not get to go. So, now I have to go into work tomorrow and ask my boss to let me go early again because I didn't get to go to the commissary, (For which my boss let me out early to go.)

Every other Officer would just pull out my pass and send me, But not . You go to commissary when he decides to send you. My boss will not let me go early all the time, that is why he lets us go on our commissary day. is aware of this because I have told him personally three or four times now, Yet he still will not do what is right. I work all day, Monday thru Friday. So what this boils down to is I am being punished for working all day and not being back in time for him to call the list of names for commissary. How petty can a person get. We do not get much around here, but commissary is the one thing we all look forward to getting.

Thank you for listening to my complaint. I don't know what will happen about this because I am putting a grievance in on this. Those that work off the block and all day should be given some leeway for doing their jobs and working, not causing trouble.

Sincerely,

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