

## Hess, Sara

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**From:** Weiss, Rachel  
**Sent:** Wednesday, August 14, 2024 8:52 AM  
**To:** Randall Knowles  
**Cc:** Hess, Sara  
**Subject:** FW: Marlon Thomas 3023289  
**Attachments:** L& J committee-8-13-2024-Thomas-part3.pdf; L& J committee-8-13-2024-Thomas-part1.pdf; L& J committee-8-13-2024-Thomas-part2.pdf

Good morning, Mr. Knowles-

Thanks for sending in your public comment. I've sent it along to Sara Hess (sara.hess@legmt.gov), who is the lead staff for the Law and Justice Interim Committee. She'll make sure the committee has it at their next meeting. You can also reach out to her with any LJIC related questions. I hope all is well.

Sincerely,  
Rachel

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**From:** Randall Knowles <knowlesmontana@juno.com>  
**Sent:** Tuesday, August 13, 2024 5:13 PM  
**To:** Weiss, Rachel <Rachel.Weiss@legmt.gov>  
**Subject:** Marlon Thomas 3023289

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Rachel, I was wondering where you were at. Attached are 3 pdf files supporting my comments to the committee re: Marlon Thomas

**"We the people of Montana, grateful to God for the quiet beauty of our state, the grandeur of our mountains, the vastness of our rolling plains, and desiring to improve the quality of life, equality of opportunity and to secure the blessings of liberty for this and future generations do ordain and establish this constitution. June 6, 1972**

– Randall Gene Knowles, 3017 Ninth Avenue South, Great Falls, MT 59405-3421 voice, cell, & text 406-799-1547 [KnowlesMontana@Juno.com](mailto:KnowlesMontana@Juno.com)

**Hess, Sara**

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**From:** Russell Sias <russellsias@gmail.com>  
**Sent:** Friday, August 30, 2024 12:57 PM  
**To:** Hess, Sara  
**Subject:** Sept 10 meeting

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Unfortunately, I cannot be at the above meeting...the dentist says no! But, I would like to offer one comment for the group, if that is doable. It is this: ALL interviews done by child protection services, especially with minors, should be videotaped. Whenever an issue arises, such a recording would cover CPS from any charge of manipulation or intimidation, etc.

Thanks,  
Russell Sias  
Columbia Falls

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*"How fortunate for governments, that the people they govern don't think"!*  
*---- Adolph Hitler*

## Hess, Sara

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**From:** Burkhardt, Julianne  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2024 3:50 PM  
**To:** Hess, Sara  
**Cc:** Alduenda, Ania  
**Subject:** FW: Comment in re PD-9 and PD-10

Hi Sara – Here is that public comment from Gary Marbut that I mentioned. Please let me know if you would like me to make copies for the committee.

Thanks,  
Julianne

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**From:** MSSA <mssa@mtssa.org>  
**Sent:** Monday, September 9, 2024 3:34 PM  
**To:** Burkhardt, Julianne <Julianne.Burkhardt@legmt.gov>  
**Subject:** Comment in re PD-9 and PD-10

Julianne,

Thanks for the phone conversation today.

The purpose of this email is to reiterate briefly the comment I made about PD-9 and PD-10, to be considered by the Law and Justice Interim Committee tomorrow. It would be great if you would share this comment with Committee members.

PD-9 and PD-10 share a fatal constitutional flaw. It is this:

The landscape of constitutional jurisprudence concerning the Second Amendment changed dramatically when the U.S. Supreme Court released its decision in *New York Rifle and Pistol Association v. Bruen*. Always before *Bruen*, the courts engaged in an interest-balancing exercise using levels of judicial scrutiny, such as strict scrutiny, intermediate scrutiny, and rational basis. In *Bruen*, SCOTUS said no more interest balancing and no more levels of scrutiny. With *Bruen*, that method of examination of Second Amendment cases went into the dustbin of history.

In *Bruen*, SCOTUS laid out a new methodology for judicial evaluation of Second Amendment cases, a two-step process. The first step is to ask if a government restriction affects the right to keep and bear arms in any way. If it does, then the court should move on to the second step. In that step, the burden shifts to the government to demonstrate that there were laws analogous to the one under examination that existed in 1791 when the Second Amendment was adopted, laws that would demonstrate that those drafting and approving the Second Amendment accepted such a restriction in 1791.

Since SCOTUS released its *Bruen* decision, the historical records have been combed carefully for restrictions on the right to keep and bear arms that existed in 1791. There were few. And, there were none relating to possession of a firearm in conjunction with a drug crime (there were no drug laws then) and none relating to possession of a stolen firearm.

Thus, if these proposed bills became law and a judge were to examine either of them with faithful adherence to the new *Bruen* standard, both laws would be found to be unconstitutional for lack of any historical analog in 1791.

While I don't disagree with the intent for these two proposed bills, they are constitutionally doomed if enacted.

I hope this explanation is helpful.

Best wishes,

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Gary Marbut, president  
Montana Shooting Sports Association  
<http://www.mtssa.org>  
Author, Gun Laws of Montana  
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Marlon D. Thomas  
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Montana State Prison  
700 Conley Lake Rd  
Deer Lodge, Mt 59722

Re: Understanding Parole Board Decisions

To Whom It May Concern:

Before I truly begin I would like to say, unequivocally, that I am in no way, shape or form trying to negate, minimize or excuse any of the actions or the terrible choice I made all those years ago. This letter is a request for help in the fight of my life, an acknowledgement of what I've done and an explanation of whom I am. I am fighting not only for myself; but for my children and others who may be in a situation similar to mine. I understand that I have committed a crime and am remorseful of my actions and the consequences that they have had on so many people. I'm not asking anyone to forget the wrongs I've done; I want to be thought of as more than the worst thing I ever did, I wish to be regarded by the totality of my life.

Hello. My name is Marlon D. Thomas. I am 40 years old. I'm originally from San Francisco, California. I was born the youngest of a loving, two-parent home with two older sisters. My father was the coach and manager of the school baseball team and I excelled in all sports. We went on many family vacations including camping, fishing and cruises. I was fortunate, and grateful, to experience a lot of things many of my peers did not. I graduated De Anza High School in 2000. I received a full ride scholarship to attend college (I was the first person in my family to go to college.) As a child I dreamt of becoming an NFL football player.

I didn't make the NFL but Montana did award me the opportunity to play professional football with the Billings Outlaws. We won two league championships and we were featured in the Miramax Film "Outlaw Dreams." My career ended in 2009, those two championships are still among my proudest accomplishments. When a tornado tore through Billings and destroyed the Metra Park Arena, our home field, I was proud to be able to contribute to the efforts to clean up and rebuild it.

By far the best and most important thing that I have ever accomplished or had happen to me, was the birth of my three children. After my football career ended, I decided to start a family. I have two daughters and one son, ages twelve, eleven and seven. I am also proud of the fact that my mother and father are part of my children's lives, as well. Despite the high cost of the prison phone system, I still talk to my children daily. I am involved in every aspect of their lives that I possibly can be. I have made mistakes in their lives as well as my own but it brings me great joy to know that my children know and love their father.

On September 28, 2021 I saw the Parole Board of the State of Montana after the mandatory 25% of my sentenced time. Despite several years of clear conduct, the completion of all court recommended treatment programs and positive in-prison work history I was denied parole for an additional 4 years, making the minimum time served on this sentence 9 years incarcerated. In addition, my next parole eligibility date is not an appearance before the board but merely a paperwork review, which significantly reduces my chance of receiving parole. The only recognizable reason for the denial of my parole would be the color of my skin and false and malicious statements made by former prosecutor Brett Linneweber. In no way am I attempting to mitigate or minimize my criminal actions, what I did was wrong and I take accountability for that. However I fail to see how my continued incarceration serves the best interest of society, my victims or my family.

The prejudiced statements made by Mr. Linneweber were the fundamental reason for my being denied parole. During the parole hearing Mr. Linneweber stated that my case was the worst he had ever seen. This language lent a lot of weight to the idea that my crime was especially heinous. It is, however, completely false. Mr. Linneweber has presided over cases involving the sexual exploitation of children as young as 9, another child sex case involving a 12 year old, and a sheriff's officer convicted of incest, among others equally heinous. My offense was suggesting prostitution as a means of income for two young women, one of which purported herself to be 23 years old but was in fact 17 (a fact I didn't learn until after being charged.) To any reasonable person, this is not as bad as, and certainly not worse than, the other cases that Mr. Linneweber has presided over. The other defendants in those cases were not black. Perhaps Mr. Linneweber holds black men to a different standard and subsequently, judges their actions in a harsher light. In addition, Mr. Linneweber made false allegations about use of force, assault and theft that were proven false. In an effort to further attack my character he brought up child support that I owe, which has nothing to do with the parole hearing and can only be rectified once I am released and employed.

Pursuant to ARM 20.25.501, which states that a hearing can be reconsidered if evidence of false or erroneous information can be provided, I appealed the decision reached by the board in my September 2021 appearance. In the appeal I submitted evidence of the severe nature of some of the other cases that Mr. Linneweber had presided over. I provided the sworn statements of the people whom Mr. Linneweber said were victims of force, assault and theft and even a statement from the investigating officer, Agent Sedar, all of which contradicted his statement. I offered clear evidence of reform; prison conduct, positive reports from prison officials and work supervisors, consistent employment history, a MORRA risk assessment that says I have a very low risk to re-offend, certificates of achievement for all court ordered treatment as well as education and employability enhancing courses, support of friends and family and prominent community leaders. All of which was ignored by the parole board in favor of the false and malicious statements made by Mr. Linneweber. The main argument of my

appeal, that my case was not possibly the worst Mr. Linneweber had ever seen, was completely ignored by Board Member Lucero when she answered my appeal. All available appeals sided with Ms. Lucero and ignored the slander, and potential perjury, claims on Mr. Linneweber's testimony. Despite my providing clear evidence of errors and false and malicious statements my claims were ignored.

Five years ago, I made a mistake, a mistake which I whole heartedly regret. I am not, in any way, attempting to downplay my actions. I have, and always will, take full responsibility for my actions. But I have strived every day since to become a better person mentally, physically, emotionally, and spiritually. I am working on myself not for myself but for my community and most importantly for my children. I haven't been a significant presence in my children's lives in over 5 years.

When I saw the parole board and received a four year flop, it denied my children their father for another four years. I cannot understand in what way my continued incarceration benefits my children, myself or the community. The reason given was additional risk reduction programming was needed. The Parole Board recommended a total of nine months worth of treatment; all of which could have been done in the community. There is no logical reason to give a person a four year flop when only nine months of treatment was recommended by the people giving the flop. My MORRA test results indicate that I have the lowest chance of re-offending. The decision of the parole board has the appearance of being arbitrary and capricious.

I do not understand how the Parole Board can so callously give such large increases to an offender's sentence. My sentence was for 30 years with 10 of it suspended. At sentencing it was explained to me that should I be good for the first five years, I would then be allowed parole. I do not know of a way that I could have been better. I completed all treatments, I had clear conduct, I was housed at the lowest possible custody level, and I worked at the WRC, an on-site pre-release center operated by MCE. I literally worked to help make the prison run smoothly.

Prison is designed for penitence, reformation, and rehabilitation. I have unequivocally shown each of these. In addition, when I saw the Parole Board, my parole plan included employment, housing, transportation and treatment; all at no cost to the state tax payers.

I would do anything to have my life back. All I am asking for is a second chance; it feels like they are rarely given to black men in modern society. I did make poor decisions in my life. I have learned from my faults and have shown improvements from the lessons I have been taught. I have taken every opportunity to become a success while I am incarcerated but it is time for me to return to society and be a benefit to my community and my family. Please consider helping in any way that you can, even if it is just passing this letter on to someone who cares.

My absence has caused my oldest child, my first born, my "Princess" to attempt suicide last year. My absence has also caused a lot of pain and suffering. My son needs his father, the mother of my children needs financial and emotional support as well as fulfilling my duty to care for my children. This situation is causing more damage and runs the risk of turning my children into another statistic. The day I was transported to Montana State Prison I was forced to relinquish my parental rights to my youngest daughter, I was told that if I did not sign off my rights to her then I would lose the rights to all three of my children. In my duress and in terror of losing my children, I did not know what to do and so I signed away my parental rights. Prior to incarceration, I was adamantly fighting to gain custody of my baby girl from CPS. She had been removed from her mother's care due to her testing positive for methamphetamine during the birth of another child from a different relationship. I received this news while I was in California attending to the care of my mother who had recently had significant health issues and had nearly lost her life. After hearing that my child had been removed from her mother's care, I immediately left California and headed to Montana to get my daughter back. I did everything in my power to get my daughter back. I never missed a visit with her although it did cost me work hours. For months, I visited her and worked diligently with CPS to follow the rules and establish a safe and sound home to bring my daughter. I was employed, owned my own reliable vehicle, had secured long term housing and was financially stable. I even volunteered at the local food bank in my off hours.

The situation in which I put myself the risk outweighed the reward. My intentions were never to get involved in the terrible choices I made that lead to my current situation. My focus was only on providing for my children and securing my baby girl. My parents are aging and won't be around much longer; they need my help and support. My children need their father. Yes, I did make a mistake. And yes, I have paid for it. Now it is time for me to go home and be a father to three children and a productive member of society. No person should ever have to fight this hard for his life. The penalty for someone being wrong, like Mr. Linneweber's statements, is nonexistent and the price for someone wrongfully convicted is long term. Justice needs fairness.

Thank you and God Bless,

Marlon D. Thomas





## **Potentials Unlimited**

SOBER LIVING ENVIRONMENT

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May 22 2024

Marlon Thomas  
267 Polaris Way  
Daly City, CA 94014

Re: Residential Stay

To Whom It May Concern;

This letter is to confirm that Marlon Thomas has been accepted to live at one of our Sober Living Homes located at 267 Polaris Way, Daly City. Marlon has made a commitment to abide by all of our house rules, and has expressed a burning desire to attend a Mental Health IOP.

Potentials Unlimited is a Residential Social Model program that assists men and women to stay abstinent from drugs and alcohol through a spiritual 12 step-based program.

Potentials Unlimited is a structured, peer based, environment where the clients work with one another on the reconstruction of their attitudes, with the intent to change the behaviors that are non-conductive to a healthy positive productive lifestyle.

If you have any further questions feel free to call me, on my cell phone, at 925-989-0519.

Sincerely,

Kevin Tisdale  
Director  
Potentials Unlimited SLE's

**833-3-BE-SOBER**

(833) 323-7623

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WRC-29

# STATE OF MONTANA - BOARD OF PARDONS AND PAROLE CASE DISPOSITION

Initial

Reappearance

Review

TO: Thomas, Marlon

DOC ID: 3023289

After careful evaluation of all relevant facts known to the Board, including those under §46-23-202(1), MCA, and in accordance with §46-23-201 through §46-23-218, MCA, the Board denies your parole application or reapplication at this time.

Reappearance Date: \_\_\_\_\_

Progress Review Date: 9/2025

Pass to Discharge

A. In the opinion of the Board, there is reasonable probability that you are not currently able and willing to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen. Our conclusions are based on the following:

- Institutional conduct
- Institutional custody level

### NEED FOR IMPROVED:

- Housing unit/work evaluation
- Parole plan
- No interest in parole
- Attitude toward authority

Remarks/Other: \_\_\_\_\_

B. In the opinion of the Board, there is reasonable probability that you cannot be released at this time without being a detriment to yourself or the community. Release at this time would not be in the best interest of society.

### OUR CONCLUSIONS ARE BASED ON THE FOLLOWING:

- Nature or severity of offense(s)
- Previous criminal history
- Pattern of similar offenses
- Escape(s) from custody
- Multiple offenses
- Poor history in community placement and/or under supervision
- Repeat sex offenses
- Strong objection from criminal justice authorities and/or citizenry

Remarks/Other: Need for additional risk reduction programming

C. In the opinion of the Board, there is a need for education, job training, treatment, or continued treatment to enhance success on parole and further insure that the applicant is willing and able to fulfill the obligations of a law-abiding citizen.

### THE FOLLOWING ARE INDICATED NEEDS:

- Adult Education
- Sex offender treatment
- Anger management
- No early consideration
- Chemical dependency counseling
- Mental health
- Pre-release extended stay/work
- Request a return/review
- TSCTC/ Aftercare
- Cognitive Based Program
- Pre-release

Remarks/Other: Endorse for SOP 1 and Victim Impact

BOPP (white)  
INMATE (yellow)  
RECORDS (pink)  
IPPOs (gold)

Board Member

Kristina Suaro

Board Member

Wanda Bell

Board Member

[Signature]

Date:

9-28-2021

Ex 2 1ps

SOP PHASE ONE

GROUP THERAPY PARTICIPATION AND EVALUATION REPORT

(Please print clearly)

Name: Michael Thomas ID#: 3023289  
Date Treatment Began: 10-19-21 Date Treatment Ended: 11-9-22  
Absences: 0 1 2 3 Therapist: [Signature]

PARTICIPATION

Actively listens, but rarely comments.  
Supportive and confrontive of others.  
Listens and accepts feedback  
Group leader.  
Demonstrates "moments of brilliance,"  
but inconsistent in participation.  
Actively uses group as a support system.

Acts uninterested, uninvolved.  
Only speaks when directly questioned.  
Listens, but does not accept feedback  
Group input is destructive to group process.

OVERALL PARTICIPATION RATING: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

HONESTY

Appears open and candid.  
Has related minor violations.  
Has related major violations.  
Tells people what they want to hear.

Appears defensive and guarded.  
Lied by withholding information.  
Actively lied when asked a direct question.

OVERALL HONESTY RATING: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

TAKES RISKS (VULNERABILITY)

Reveals sensitive/personal information  
without prompting.  
Confronts other group members,  
but does share information about self.  
Will discuss what is known, but not much more.

Self-protective and withdrawn.  
Confronts others and shares about self.  
Non-contributor.

OVERALL VULNERABILITY RATING: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

INSIGHT (INTELLECTUAL UNDERSTANDING OF CRIME)

Making an effort to understand factors  
related to crime.  
Has a good understanding of factors  
related to crime (completed Cycle).  
Has an excellent understanding of crime  
dynamics.

Minimal effort made to understand factors  
related to crime.  
After several months, minimal understanding  
of crime (Cycle not finished).  
Is unwilling/unable to understand factors  
related to crime even after several hours  
of therapy.

OVERALL INSIGHT RATING: 1 2 3 4 5 6 7 8 9 10

CoreCivic – Victim Impact Program

TREATMENT REPORT: COMPLIANCE AND PROGRESS

Name: Thomas Marlon AO#: 3023289 Unit: F-208  
Last First

Facilitator Name: Stephanie Salois Stephanie Salois  
Facilitator Signature

Treatment Start Date: 3-17-23

Treatment Ending Date: 6-23-23

Victim Impact

- Unit 1: Getting Started
- Unit 2: Introduction to Victim Impact
- Unit 3: Property Crime
- Unit 4: Assault
- Unit 5: Robbery
- Unit 6: Hate and Bias
- Unit 7: Gang Crime
- Unit 8: Sexual Assault
- Unit 9: Child Abuse and Neglect
- Unit 10: Domestic Violence
- Unit 11: Drunk and Impaired Driving
- Unit 12: Homicide
- Unit 13: Making Amends
- Victim Impact Panel(s)

Pass       Fail       Incomplete Compliant       Refused

Comments: Mr. Thomas did some amazing work (extra)  
was always on time, and stayed late to help & get  
help. Mr. Thomas showed exemplary changes for the better  
towards his victims.



# MONTANA CORRECTIONAL ENTERPRISES WORK/TRAINING PERFORMANCE REPORT

Offender Name: Thomas, Marlon

DOC ID: 3023289

Date: April - 2019

Work Site: Furniture

C - Unit Offender Position: Custom 2, Helper

Hired: 30-Jan-19

Stopped:

Tenure: 0 Y | 3 M | 7 D

### ATTENDANCE:

#### PUNCTUALITY

- (1) Often tardy-work seems secondary
- (2) Requires occasional counseling
- (3) Occasionally late
- (4) Always on time**

#### DEPENDABILITY

- (1) Frequently absent without cause
- (2) Frequently absent-but with cause
- (3) Stays on assigned tasks
- (4) Perfect record since last rating**

### ATTITUDE

#### INTEREST

- (1) Shows little or no interest
- (2) Passive acceptance
- (3) Show interest and enthusiasm**
- (4) Intense enthusiasm

#### RESPONSIBILITY

- (1) Unwilling to accept responsibility
- (2) Passive toward new responsibility
- (3) Willingly accepts new responsibilities**
- (4) Seeks additional responsibilities

#### COOPERATION

- (1) Does not cooperate, not respectful
- (2) Cooperates reluctantly
- (3) Moderately cooperative
- (4) Promotes cooperative/team effort, respects others**

### CAPACITY:

#### DESIRE TO LEARN

- (1) Slow in learning interest
- (2) Average desire to learn
- (3) Above average desire
- (4) Exceptional desire**

### UPON COMPLETION TOTAL ALL SCORES:

1 to 12 = Unacceptable      13 to 20 = Needs improvement  
 31 to 40 = Above average      41 to 48 = Excellent

### INITIATIVE

- (1) Takes no initiative
- (2) Normal supervision
- (3) Pushes work through correctly on own**
- (4) Finds extra work to do

Worked: 19  
 Holidays: 0  
 Unexcused: 0

### JUDGMENT

- (1) Poor decision making skills
- (2) Average judgment
- (3) Above average reasoning**
- (4) Outstanding logic and problem solving skills

### JOB-SKILL PERFORMANCE:

#### SAFETY

- (1) Frequently careless, puts self at risk
- (2) Familiar with possible hazards, but occasionally takes shortcuts
- (3) Complies with all safety guidelines**
- (4) Plays a key role in identifying, controlling and reporting hazards that may exist in the workplace

#### QUALITY

- (1) Sacrifices quality for quantity
- (2) Lacks sense of quality
- (3) Usually turns out quality**
- (4) Consistently professional

#### ACCURACY

- (1) Makes excessive errors
- (2) Makes average number of errors
- (3) Makes few mistakes**
- (4) Rarely makes mistakes

#### PRODUCTIVITY

- (1) Refuses work, cannot adapt to job specifications
- (2) Easily frustrated-quits over small problems
- (3) Stable worker, persists/overcomes obstacles**
- (4) Excels-displays positive attitude

OVERALL SCORE: 42

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE  
*David Martin*

30-Apr-19

DATE

OFFENDER'S SIGNATURE  
*Marlon Thomas*

30-Apr-19

DATE

Appeal  Yes  No

Supervisor's Comments:

Comment Needed

How did you do on last Quarter's goals?

None

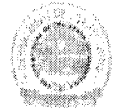
What were your successes last Quarter?

None

What is your personal goal for the next Quarter?

None

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
WORK/TRAINING PERFORMANCE REPORT



Inmate Name: Thomas, Markon ID # 3023289 Date: 5/30/2020  
Work Site: WRC Inmate Position: Rec Yard Worker

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**PUNCTUALITY**

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OVERALL SCORE: 48

Danielle Del  
SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE

5/30/20  
DATE

Markon Thomas  
INMATE'S SIGNATURE

DATE

Appeal    Yes    No

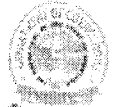
Supervisor's Comments: Great Job! Keep up the good work!

How did you do on last month's goals? Awesome

What were your successes last month?

What is your personal goal for the next month?

**DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS  
WORK/TRAINING PERFORMANCE REPORT**



Inmate Name: Thomas, Marlon ID # \_\_\_\_\_ Date: 9.26.20  
 Work Site: WPC Inmate Position: Rec Yard Worker

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- (3) Willingly accepts new responsibilities
- (4) Seeks additional responsibilities

**COOPERATION**

- (1) Does not cooperate, not respectful.
- (2) Cooperates reluctantly
- (3) Moderately cooperative
- (4) Promotes cooperative/team effort, respects others

**CAPACITY:**

**DESIRE TO LEARN**

- (1) Slow in learning interest
- (2) Average desire to learn
- (3) Above average desire
- (4) Exceptional desire

**INITIATIVE**

- (1) Takes no initiative
- (2) Normal supervision
- (3) Pushes work through correctly on own
- (4) Finds extra work to do

**JUDGMENT**

- (1) Poor decision making skills
- (2) Average judgment
- (3) Above average reasoning
- (4) Outstanding logic and problem solving skills

**JOB-SKILL PERFORMANCE:**

**SAFETY**

- (1) Frequently careless, puts self at risk
- (2) Familiar with possible hazards, but occasionally takes shortcuts
- (3) Complies with all safety guidelines
- (4) Plays a key role in identifying, controlling and reporting hazards that may exist in the workplace

**QUALITY**

- (1) Sacrifices quality for quantity
- (2) Lacks sense of quality
- (3) Usually turns out quality
- (4) Consistently professional

**ACCURACY**

- (1) Makes excessive errors
- (2) Makes average number of errors
- (3) Makes few mistakes
- (4) Rarely makes mistakes

**PRODUCTIVITY**

- (1) Refuses work, cannot adapt to job spec
- (2) Easily frustrated-quits over small problems
- (3) Stable worker, persists/overcomes obstacles
- (4) Excels-displays positive attitude

**UPON COMPLETION TOTAL ALL SCORES :**

1 TO 12 = Unacceptable      13 TO 20 = Needs improvement      21 TO 30 = Satisfactory  
 31 TO 40 = Above average      41 TO 48 = Excellent

OVERALL SCORE: 48

SUPERVISOR'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

DATE \_\_\_\_\_

INMATE'S SIGNATURE \_\_\_\_\_

Appeal \_\_\_\_\_ Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

DATE 9/24/2020

Supervisor's Comments: Awesome job!

How did you do on last month's goals? \_\_\_\_\_

What were your successes last month? \_\_\_\_\_

What is your personal goal for the next month? \_\_\_\_\_

Core Civic

# Certificate of Completion

This certifies that

**Thomas, Marlon**

AO# 3023289

has successfully completed all of the requirements and  
is therefore entitled to this certificate in

**Cognitive Based Therapy**  
**Thinking for a Change**

This Thirteenth day of April, Two-Thousand and Twenty-Three

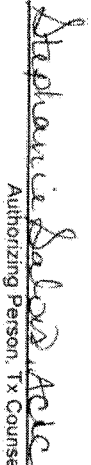
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Date

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Authorizing Person, Tx Counselor Salois



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Date

4-12-23

Certificate # 2023-2012



CROSSROADS CORRECTIONAL CENTER  
SUBSTANCE USE DISORDER TREATMENT

Name: Thomas Marlon DOC ID# 3023289

Name of Program: Cognitive Behavioral Therapy - Thinking for a Change

Admission Date: Discharge Date from Program: 4-13-23

Type of Discharge: Passed

Primary Facilitator: Stephanie Salois, ACLC

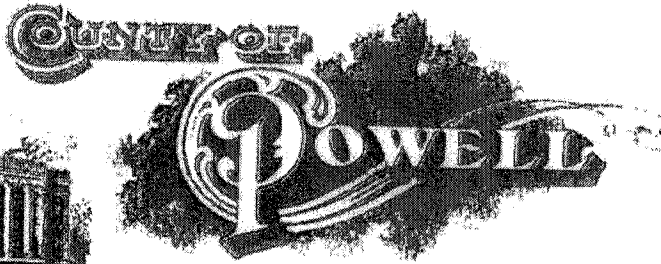
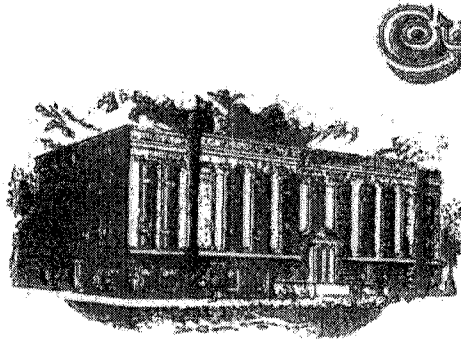
Treatment Status: Mr. Thomas was always on time, did his homework with great outcomes and never had any issues and always made sure he helped others who needed help understanding. He was happy to come to group early + leave late to help.

Stephanie Salois  
Facilitator Signature

9 4-13-23  
Date

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Department of Corrections  
Parole Board

To the Honorable Members of the Board of Pardons

Approximately 3 years ago the Board of Commissioners for Powell County moved our office and board room. We contacted M.C.E about designing and building the desks and furnishings for the new rooms. In the process of discussing and measuring areas I discovered hidden in the back room under litter and debris was an old well used roll top desk. Most likely from the original Court House furnishing. At that point I knew I didn't want a new modern desk and see the roll top desk to the landfill.

I asked John O'Donnal if he had anyone who could bring it back to life and he said he had just the right people. Though I have never met Mr. Thomas, or St. Germain I am most grateful every day I walk into the office and sit down at my desk and see the love and care that went into it. As I said I have never met Mr. Thomas but someone who is acquainted with him and whose opinion I respect feel he would be a very good candidate for parole. I am sure if he will put in the time, love and dedication for job and family that he did on my desk that he will not be returning to M.S.P

Sincerely,

From: Kenneth Barker – Assistant Food Service Director

Date: 11-19-2023

Re: Marlon Thomas

To: Annette Carter

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I have been working in the kitchen for over a year and Thomas has been as well. The shift he works is 230am to 11am. As long as I have been here, I have noticed that Thomas is a very hard worker, respectful, polite, a team player, honest and reliable. He has to work with others that are a bit cloudy in character, but Thomas responds well to all no matter what.

I would recommend that Thomas receive parole and that I feel he won't let his past choices stop him from succeeding and being a great father to his children. I enjoy my work here and treat everyone accordingly. Mr, Thomas is one that I have no problems with and I feel he would do well no matter his position. Being a father myself, I can see where he is and the choices he made up to where he is now and the desire to be out with his children and deal with life as is. Not knowing what choices lead him to being here, I can't speak to his past behaviours and actions, but from what I've seen over the last year, I would recommend him for parole.

Kenneth Barker



November 29, 2023

To Whom it my concern:

Inmate Marlon Thomas AO# 3023284 has been enrolled in education classes here at Crossroads Corrections since April of 2023. Thomas has had no behavior issues and has been very enjoyable to work with. He is always positive and ready to help another inmate struggling with a concept or with small tasks in the Education department.

Thomas has been involved in the following classes: Computers and the Vo-tech Construction class.

Respectfully

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Tracy Stevens", with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Tracy Stevens  
Instructional Supervisor  
Crossroad Corrections

Linda .M. Seifert

Program Facilitator

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02/19/2024

Dear Members of the Parole Board,

Mr. Marlon, Thomas 303289 is enrolled in my Correctional Rehabilitation Technology Program. This program is a self paced program that provides the opportunity for an inmate to help them self become a successful rehabilitated citizen of society.

Mr. Marlon, Has shown a genuine interest in his self improvement. He has a perfect attendance record. During my time observing him in my class he has always had a positive attitude as well observing him within the facility. I have never had a single negative Interaction with Mr. Thomas.

I would recommend Mr. Marlon Thomas 303289 for Parole. I am very confident that he will find success being a rehabilitated law-abiding citizen of society. I trust in the wisdom and fairness of this Parole Board in make a well-informed decision that considers Mr. Marlon Thomas 303289 for Parole.

Thank you,

*Linda Seifert*

Mr. Thomas has asked me to give a work evaluation on his behalf. Mr. Thomas is a good worker, and shows up on time. He is dependable, and responsible in the matter that he can get his job completed without having to be asked or told to do so. For the most part he has a positive attitude while on shift.

Thank you,  
*Markie Furr, FSD*

Trinity Services Group  
Crossroads Correctional Center  
Unit 12375  
50 Crossroads Drive  
Shelby, MT 59474

# Corrections Department accountability bill rolling

SEABORN LARSON  
seaborn.larson@fee.net

A bill to require the Montana Department of Corrections to report if the agency deviates someone in its custody from a judge's sentence sailed through the Senate with unanimous bipartisan and received a warm welcome in a House committee Thursday morning.

Senate Bill 47 was introduced this session at the request of the Montana Criminal Justice Oversight Council and is carried by Sen. Ryan Lynch, D-Butte, a member of that council. If the Department of Corrections places someone in a dif-

ferent setting, be it substance abuse treatment or community supervision, than what the judge ordered, the bill would require the department to notify that judge with the rationale for doing so. The House Judiciary Committee passed the bill 17-0 after hearing it Thursday morning.

The matter reached a boiling point in November, when the Criminal Justice Oversight Council, chaired by Butte Judge Kurt Krueger, told the department it wanted to know why had strayed so far from judges' recommendations so often, the Billings Gazette reported.

From 2018 through May 20 of this year in the state's Second Judicial District, the department followed the court's specific recommendation in a DOC commit sentence in 25% of the cases, out of a sample size of 126. The Second Judicial District covers Silver Bow County. In 21% of the cases, the department declined to follow a specific recommendation. The rest of the cases involved a more general recommendation, the Gazette reported.

"There's been kind of a lack of communication," Lynch said Thursday.

Opponents say Lynch's bill, one of several to come out of the Criminal Justice Oversight Council, would give them better

data to work with on how sentencing terms play out. Committee Chair Barry Usher, a Republican who represents rural Yellowstone and Musselshell counties and is also a member of the oversight council, endorsed Lynch's bill Thursday. There were no opponents.

The Senate turned out a version of the bill that included the requirement for the Department of Corrections to report its reasoning for not fol-

lowing the judge's recommendation, rather than simply reporting that the sentence recommendation wasn't followed.

"In the event (the judge's recommendation isn't followed), we don't want to tie the DOC's hands as they gather more information about the offender and the particular needs they may have," Lynch told the committee. "Maybe something else came to light, maybe new crimes or maybe success within the system. The reality is that there was not a two-way conversation happening."

Brian Gootkin, who was confirmed Thursday as the new director of the Department of Corrections, appeared at Thursday's hearing as an informational witness, but said the department is already working to bridge the information gap.

"To be transparent about this: we have fallen down on this. We have not communicated with the judges," Gootkin told the committee. "We are already working on fixing that ... to make sure we give the judges ... in writing the denial or change."

The bill passed the Senate Judiciary Committee on an 11-0 vote in January, followed by a 50-0 approval from the Senate. The House Judiciary Committee voted 17-0 on Thursday to keep the bill moving to the House floor. Usher will carry the bill once it reaches the House for debate.

— Gazette reporter Phoebe Tollefson contributed to this story.



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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 23rd July 2024 12:58

**First Name:**

Randall

**Last Name:**

Knowles

**Email Address:**

KnowlesMontana@Juno.com

**Subject:**

Next Meeting

**Comment:**

I briefed your agenda. Here are my comments: 1] The sexual offense of inmates report is of no value unless you know the name or some other identifier of the employee. There is a guard at Deer Lodge known as MR. Feel Good; you can ask any inmate who has been under his care and the stories are all the same, through history. 2] We really learned nothing about recidivism from the GSL study 3] Offenders under supervision: a] it needs to be alphabetized so people like me can check for accuracy b] by county would be helpful c] Justice Reinvestment has not reinvested enough? I think there should be a financial incentive when inmate numbers go down, by at least 10% and recidivism does not go up. On the Theft document the word Threat is interesting: If an inmate calls you and makes verbal definitional threats over the phone - does that count? Doesn't meet the other parts of the definition. AND, if in defense of yourself you say some mean hurtful words trying to make these phone calls stop, are you now a felon? This is a real life case and the civilian is now in prison for defending himself Because the prison warden, who has finally been fired, would not block outgoing calls to the civilians phone. This is a case of wrongful incarceration BUT because public defense stops the day you enter prison he has no money to continue the process of his innocence. Wrongful Conviction: why is MT requiring a person who has been found innocent by a court TO relive the horrible experience. For the same time and energy the wrongfully convicted can go through the federal court system and get 100K per year, plus legal expenses. MT just cannot admit that they made a horrible mistake. When I make a mistake I apologize ASAP, correct the mistake and move on. I don't make the person I have wronged relive the entire event. We all should know when we make a mistake. REAL ID - I have one, do you have one? It appears to be a government make work project with no BENEFIT, none! IT did cost me an extra 45\$ which makes it appear to be a tax and bureaucracy creating event. No one cares if I have a real ID or not, there are now counterfeits so the airports give them little validity. A passport is cheaper and easier



to secure, just give yourself time.

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 23rd July 2024 14:46

**First Name:**

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**Subject:**

Can chess games and toilet paper change prison culture? Inside San Quentin's big experiment

**Comment:**

A sergeant greets a prisoner with “good morning” rather than barking an order. Guards start calling the prisoners “residents.” They shake hands, exchange jokes. The toilet paper locker gets replenished when it’s empty. The men don’t have to ask. At California’s oldest and most infamous state prison, a monumental shift is underway through an experiment dubbed the California Model, an effort Gov. Gavin Newsom announced in March 2023 to reimagine prison life, starting at San Quentin. The changes are modeled after prison operations in Norway and other Scandinavian countries, where incarceration is considered less a tool for punishment than an opportunity for recovery and rehabilitation. Newsom said he envisions a prison system that doesn’t just confine lawbreakers but better prepares them for reintegrating into communities after their release. That means expanding job training and substance-use treatment, but also replacing a prison culture built on hierarchy and fear with opportunities for connection and normalized social interactions. Outside death row, most of San Quentin’s 3,400 inmates are housed in units with medium-security ratings. That means, whether because of the nature of their crimes or their behavior in prison, they’re considered at relatively low risk of violence and allowed to gather in common areas for some portion of each day. The prison has developed an abundance of rehabilitative programs, including coding classes and a media center that’s home to an acclaimed prisoner-run podcast and newspaper. Along with chess matches, San Quentin is hosting kickball tournaments and flag football games as a way to foster more collegial relations. But prisoners are still locked down for several hours a day in cramped cells — two men sharing dingy 5-by-11-foot quarters crammed with bunk beds, a toilet and a sink — without access to programming or family visits, Milo said. “There’s a lot of people at San Quentin that have either already halfway turned their lives around, or are trying to get that push to turn their lives around,” Kruse said. “They’re gonna leave someday. ... That’s going to be your neighbor, might be your family member’s neighbor. Those guys, if I

can work with [them] to make [them] better, that, to me, is what it's about.”  
<https://www.latimes.com/california/story/2024-07-19/inside-san-quentin-experiment-can-california-change-prison-culture>

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 23rd July 2024 14:52

**First Name:**

Randall

**Last Name:**

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**Email Address:**

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**Subject:**

The state of our prisons: 5 key findings from UNODC's new Prison Matters research brief

**Comment:**

1. The world prison population is increasing 2. Nearly a third of the global prison population remains in pre-trial detention 3. Prisons are overcrowded in the majority of countries worldwide 4. Deaths in prisons are largely preventable, with more than one in 10 deaths in prisons labelled a suicide 5. Prison systems widely recognize the importance of rehabilitation in prison Four out of five prison administrations report having developed a dedicated prisoner rehabilitation strategy, and almost half of those with a rehabilitation strategy report the engagement of prisoners as stakeholders during planning, according to a new UNODC survey on prison rehabilitation and rehabilitative prison environments. Evidence about the actual scope of implementation of these strategies was not consistently available. A key aspect of prison management is to foster the rehabilitation and social reintegration prospects of prisoners. Efforts aimed at advancing more rehabilitative prison environments, including through respective programmes and services, are key from the very start of a prison sentence throughout the period of incarceration and up to the preparation for release from custody.  
[https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/news/2024/July/the-state-of-our-prisons\\_-5-key-findings-from-unodcs-new-prison-matters-research-brief.html](https://www.unodc.org/unodc/en/news/2024/July/the-state-of-our-prisons_-5-key-findings-from-unodcs-new-prison-matters-research-brief.html)

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 24th July 2024 10:00

**First Name:**

Randall

**Last Name:**

Knowles

**Email Address:**

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**Subject:**

Meth at Saguaro, at Eloy AZ

**Comment:**

On July 12, 2024 another guard at Saguaro Prison was arrested for selling Meth to inmates. aka Officer Davis

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 26th July 2024 15:46

**First Name:**

Randall

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**Email Address:**

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**Subject:**

Michael Wayne Phillips

**Comment:**

Do YOU think that keeping Wayne in prison is solving his addiction problem? This is where ReInvestment should occur. He has 4 children and a wife AND now is a drain on the taxpayer, because the Legislature thinks that prison is cheaper than Rehabilitation. DOCKET: DC 22-1541 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Linneweber COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Original Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit Partial Suspended OFFENSE: Theft CODE: 456301 OFFENSE DATE: 12/3/2022 SENTENCE PRONOUNCED: 9/26/2023 SENTENCE (MONTHS): 120 DOCKET: DC 20-1431 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Linneweber COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Probation Violation Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit None Suspended OFFENSE: Criminal Endangerment CODE: 455207 OFFENSE DATE: 10/4/2020 SENTENCE PRONOUNCED: 9/26/2023 SENTENCE (MONTHS): 67 DOCKET: DC-11-582 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Todd COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Original Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit Partial Suspended OFFENSE: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs CODE: 459102 OFFENSE DATE: 4/29/2011 SENTENCE PRONOUNCED: 4/19/2012 SENTENCE (MONTHS): 60 DOCKET: DC-11-581 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Todd COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Probation Violation Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit None Suspended OFFENSE: Theft CODE: 456301 OFFENSE DATE: 1/2/2011 SENTENCE PRONOUNCED: 7/5/2018 SENTENCE (MONTHS): 36 DOCKET: DC-11-394 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Todd COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Original Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit Partial Suspended OFFENSE: Fraudulently Obtaining Dangerous Drugs CODE: 459104 OFFENSE DATE: 2/11/2011 SENTENCE PRONOUNCED: 4/19/2012 SENTENCE (MONTHS): 60 DOCKET: DC 22-1541 COUNTY: Yellowstone JUDGE: Linneweber COUNTS: 1 LEGAL TYPE: Original Sentence SENTENCE TYPE: DOC Commit None Suspended OFFENSE: Criminal Possession of Dangerous Drugs CODE: 459102 OFFENSE DATE: 12/3/2022

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 2nd August 2024 17:06

**First Name:**

Randall

**Last Name:**

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**Email Address:**

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**Subject:**

Pell Grants

**Comment:**

The Office of Justice Programs and the Federal Bureau of Prisons have worked alongside the Department of Education on Pell opportunities since 2016, when Jackson College and 67 other colleges across 28 states participated in Second Chance Pell. This was a pilot initiated to build evidence, demand and momentum toward full Pell reinstatement for people who are incarcerated. By 2022 Second Chance Pell had expanded to over 200 colleges and universities in 48 states, including two-dozen Historically Black Colleges and Universities and minority serving institutions. The question is how we will build on this momentum now that Pell has been broadly reinstated. While the door has been opened to expand educational opportunities for incarcerated individuals, prisons, jails and educational institutions must step through it and build the necessary infrastructure. We have seen progress, but many institutions have been hesitant to embrace correctional education and Prison Education Programs.

[https://www.ojp.gov/safe-communities/inside-perspectives/seizing-transformational-moment-correctional-education?utm\\_campaign=jpnf&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_source=govdelivery](https://www.ojp.gov/safe-communities/inside-perspectives/seizing-transformational-moment-correctional-education?utm_campaign=jpnf&utm_medium=email&utm_source=govdelivery)

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 2nd August 2024 17:10

**First Name:**

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**Subject:**

Job Coach's

**Comment:**

Winkler created the F.A.C.E. I.T. program in 2021, which stands for family, attitude, communication, employment, improvement, and taking responsibility. He emphasizes the importance of employment for offenders to help stop criminal activity from repeating. Those who are unemployed commit around 82% of serious crimes. “Our employment specials in each of the areas, they know which entity is hiring and there are all kinds of entities out there that are hiring, we’d really like to look towards ones that are providing vocations, providing careers for our people, it’s great for them to work say a fast-food restaurant or something like that, that’s a job,” said Winkler. <https://www.wkrg.com/state-regional/florida/4-florida-programs-aim-to-reduce-crime-keep-communities-safer/>

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 4th August 2024 16:21

**First Name:**

Randall

**Last Name:**

Knowles

**Email Address:**

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**Subject:**

Delayed Medical Attention

**Comment:**

8-4-2024 Law & Justice Interim Committee: There is a constant problem at MSP with the medication. My son Frederick Maw V [3013416 ] was transferred Friday morning 8/2/24 from C unit to WRC. There is NO reason that his meds especially since he is on psychiatric medication should not have been transferred out to WRC with him. At the time of my calls to the infirmary at 19:30 hrs, multiple times. My son had missed 2 nights of his meds. Without his meds he has hallucinations, increased anxiety, increased depression, suicidal ideation. As medical professionals they each took a Hippocratic Oath to do no harm. We all know in the medical community you DON'T STOP psych meds cold turkey!!! I called Melissa Scharf and left 2 messages on her phone. I called the infirmary only to have a very rude and very unprofessional nurse who said she was the nurse in charge. She yelled at me. She hung up on me. She forwarded me to a nonexistent number. Same with nurse Paul Williams [not listed in MT.gov Directory]. He hung up on me. Told me to call in 30 minutes then put me on hold. Neither one would listen just very disrespectful and very unprofessional. This is getting ridiculous that that we have to fight with the medical staff, constantly, to just stay on top of your loved ones medications. To make sure that the medical staff is ordering the meds. Especially psych meds. It took my son over 2 months to get his allergy meds refilled. Both nurses that were on shift at 19:30 hrs on 8/3/24 need to be talked to about their unprofessional attitudes. Also changes in policies that meds are transferred with the inmates at time of transfer, not 24-48 hours later. Inmates need their medications. Some medications, if skipped, can kill a person. Please fix this problem before someone is killed from a serious situation due to skipping medication because medical didn't transfer a med box quickly (which doesn't take that long to do). I would like a response back please that my son's meds are fixed and this situation has been looked at. Caterina Maw 406-438-6949 Catmaw5@gmail.com Scharf, Melissa - Corrections - Montana State Prison/Health Services - Montana State Prison 406-415-

6522 Melissa.Scharf@mt.gov

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 10th August 2024 14:04

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**Subject:**

MSP mis-management

**Comment:**

Rumor has it that 29 more inmates were shipped to Arizona. 8-5-2024 Gary Hanson 3016777 was/is being threatened by Travis Soderberg [an inmate] What does MSP do when an inmate feels threatened, they put him/her into solitary confinement; MSP puts the victim in solitary confinement! After a few days in solitary confinement, they asked Gary if he felt safe? They moved Gary into a different area of the prison but his new roommate is also the "Cleaner" for the Block. All of the cleaning materials are kept in their cell. I cannot believe that MSP allows bulk-cleaning materials to be kept in a cell? Gary is an asthmatic and uses a CPap machine. Industrial cleaning materials are not odor free and are bad for Gary's asthma. MSP knew that Gary has these lung conditions and yet they pull tricks like this. Gary is the inmate with the swelling legs, they are still swelling, and he cannot walk. Therefore, he uses a walker and when available he uses a wheel chair. The sidewalk to the mess hall is in poor repair and takes him 20-30 minutes to travel with the walker and it is difficult to traverse with a wheelchair. Gary has a "pusher" but the pusher needs a wheel chair to push. The pusher is, basically, Gary's legs for all tasks except latrine. How about if we let Gary out on parole. He is not going to be a threat to anyone, he has a home, he has a daughter who can help him, he has transportation, and he has retirement income complete with health care. Gary is one of the inmates MSP shipped to AZ and then had to ship him back because of his medical conditions. Gary is a needless drain on taxpayer's dollars. The week of 8-5-2024 "The Offender Search system (<https://app.mt.gov/conweb>) is currently down for maintenance. We do not have an ETA on when the site will be available again. Please check back later. We apologize for the inconvenience."

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 10th August 2024 14:28

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**Subject:**

Welding at Billings

**Comment:**

Welding course offered to inmates at Montana Women's Prison  
[https://www.kulr8.com/news/welding-course-offered-to-inmates-at-montana-womens-prison/article\\_998d8f0e-55d6-11ef-bf26-07954975ab81.html](https://www.kulr8.com/news/welding-course-offered-to-inmates-at-montana-womens-prison/article_998d8f0e-55d6-11ef-bf26-07954975ab81.html)

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**Date:** 10th August 2024 14:50

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**Subject:**

Urine Tests

**Comment:**

About 14 inmates a week are testing positive for meth in Unit A at MSP. You should ask for data on urine tests and positive tests at MSP and we know it is not the mail since the mail is now digital.

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 13th August 2024 11:51

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**Subject:**

mammograms

**Comment:**

What was Montana doing prior to the mobile unit, letting the ladies develop cancer? Intermountain Health's 3-D mammography program brings its mobile bus to the prison quarterly and services roughly 30 women per visit. Women over the age of 40 are scheduled as well as those that require follow-up appointments.

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 13th August 2024 12:03

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**Subject:**

The solution for everything - "Put them in the Hole!"

**Comment:**

3016777 Hi randy, Gary called and he wants you to hear this....about 20 after 6 this morning, John Shaw is his belly, and John jumps out of his bed, he shuts the lights off, Gary was trying to get his teeth container and John shaw slammed the door shut. so then Gary opened the door again and turned the light back on, so he could get in his drawers to get his meds, so then John shaw slammed the door again, shut off the light, then he woke up the neighboring inmates who were very mad of what John shaw was doing, Gary left and went to the bathroom to clean his teeth, then when Gary got back to the cell, John shaw had the light on. so then Gary put his teeth container on the cabinet, then Gary grabbed his coffee cup, John shaw sprayed chemicals on the floor and window, he said it was so strong and with Gary's asthma Gary couldn't be in his cell. then John shaw goes to the cage and tells sergeant mollendyke that Gary kicked him in the leg. So then later in the morning the inmates were asking Gary what's going on, so Gary told them that what John did to him, the other inmates told Gary that John is a trouble maker, so the Sargent mollendyke calls to the cage, she asked Gary why did you kick John shaw in the leg, Gary told her that he didn't, and she called Gary a liar, and she sided with John, then she said to him oh you still can kick huh, then Gary heard that another inmate called Ross, John had him to go tell that Gary kicked him, then the investigation started, so then she ( the Sargent mollendyke) started to talk to witnesses on Gary behalf, they testified that Gary didn't kick John, and Gary said the inmates testified that John shaw was misusing cleaning chemicals in lower C8, then after the investigation was over, then when NmGary was sitting on a chair, Sargent mollendyke came up to him and told Gary that she is moving John shaw out and she's going to move in Gary's aide worker in your cell, then she told Gary, she said if this doesn't work, she is going to put Gary in the hole, it wasn't his fault Why do guards think they have the RIGHT to call people liars? Why do guards intimidate the victims? We know that Gary can't walk across the room and yet the Guards think he is faking his swollen legs and

inability to walk.

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**Date:** 13th August 2024 16:16

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**Subject:**

Why MT prison is FULL

**Comment:**

This is a good example of why Montana Prison is FULL and 180 in AZ, as of last week. Marlon submitted over 100 pages to the parole board, all reports, of which you have a sample are very positive. Marlon has completed every class MSP has to offer, over 20. As a tax payer I want Marlon out, he is a waste of my money. I have submitted 3 pdf files totaling 20 pages. Happy to send more.

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 16th August 2024 15:14

**First Name:**

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**Subject:**

The value of FREE phone Calls for inmates

**Comment:**

Beginning in late September the Sheriff's Office will begin offering 15 free minutes of audio call time per day. In addition, the Sheriff's Office expects to receive 1,400 tablet devices for detainees in the city jail next month, an objective that Sheriff Susan Hutson has been working toward since at least last year. And under a deal with a new telecommunications contractor, Smart Communications, each detainee will be allowed one free 20-minute video call per week. <https://lailluminator.com/2024/08/14/orleans-jail-calls/>

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**Subject:**

FCC - New regulations on inmate phone calls

**Comment:**

The board went over the recent FCC (Federal Communications Commission's Ruling on Rate Caps for Jail Phone and Video Calls. The FCC voted on July 18 to cap the rates on phone and video calls for incarcerated people and their families. <https://kroxam.com/tri-county-regional-community-corrections-board-feels-the-fcc-ruling/>

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**Subject:**

Treating Opioid Addiction while In prison OR Jail

**Comment:**

In its program, DOCR can obtain a mandate through the court requiring a prisoner undergo treatment. DOCR's preferred medication, Sublocade, is administered by injection once every 28 days. "We began this in prison because there's dozens of studies that show this can reduce illicit opioid use after people are released. It reduces criminal behavior post incarceration. It reduces mortality. It reduces overdose risk," Gravning said. She also cited a Rhode Island Department of Corrections study showing that starting treatment while incarcerated significantly increased ongoing compliance after release, compared to starting treatment at release. Medication stabilizes a prisoner by controlling withdrawals and cravings so that addiction counseling then becomes effective, Gravning said.

<https://www.minotdailynews.com/news/local-news/2024/08/commission-hears-benefits-of-inmate-drug-treatment/>

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 18th August 2024 09:58

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 19th August 2024 16:52

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**Subject:**

Drug Treatment Works - Abstinence Does Not

**Comment:**

Roughly 60% of people who are incarcerated have a substance use disorder, in many cases an opioid use disorder. When people with addiction leave prison or jail and return to their communities, they are at very high risk of returning to drug use and overdosing. Their tolerance to drugs has diminished during incarceration, and fentanyl is pervasive in the street drug supply. Even one relapse could be fatal. It remains a common belief that simply stopping someone from taking drugs while in jail or prison is an effective approach to treatment. But that belief is inaccurate and dangerous. As scientists, we look to research to guide us. And when research shows strategies with clear benefits, they should be deployed. The Food and Drug Administration has approved three medications for opioid use disorder: methadone, buprenorphine, and naltrexone. All three are effective, safe, and lifesaving. But they are woefully underused, particularly in criminal justice settings.

<https://www.statnews.com/2024/07/09/providing-addiction-treatment-prisons-jails/>

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 19th August 2024 20:25

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**Subject:**

Virginia Recidivism

**Comment:**

Governor Youngkin said his plan would help stabilize that returning population and dramatically lower that recidivism rate. "There are many inputs, but six consistently contribute to success: 1] a job, 2] secure housing, 3] health care, 4] partnership, which we might call supervision, we might call mentorship, we might call accountability, we might just call relationship, and 5] mental health and 6] substance abuse treatment if needed," Youngkin said. He said pulling together the more than a half-dozen pillars of support - across government - will achieve that goal.

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 8th September 2024 13:14

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**Subject:**

Prison overcrowding/CoreCivic

**Comment:**

I am writing concerning the issue with the massive amounts of incarcerated with the DOC. Maybe there are ways to relieve the overcrowding instead of building new facilities or worse yet, continue to ship inmates out of state! The wait-list for classes is extremely long. Most are told that they will not see a class needed for parole until a year out from discharge. What is the point then of even taking the class if you will be released in a year anyways. How are they even going to attempt to better themselves if there is nothing they can do? So basically we have given people sentences without parole which means they are in our prisons even longer. Why do we not have "good time" anymore for the inmates to earn? Isn't that a good policy for the inmates and facility? If they know time can be knocked off their sentence, they will strive to be better inside. And why do we keep rewarding Core Civic with more contracts and money? They cannot staff Crossroads here in Montana and in fact since they have gotten a new warden, they are locked down a lot more cause it is "easier". Just this last week there was a massive brawl in the chow hall and an inmate fell off his top bunk and it took forever for anyone to come help him not matter how many times the roommate pushed the emergency button. He was flighted out within head and spine injuries and probably would have died if his roommate had not been there. There are also issues happening at Saguaro with the Hawaiian inmates. What is to say it won't happen to ours with the lack of oversight? Here are a couple links to the articles about Saguaro: <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/08/aclu-wants-federal-authorities-to-probe-recent-murder-violence-at-arizona-prison/> <https://www.civilbeat.org/2024/06/prices-have-abruptly-skyrocketed-at-the-arizona-prison-that-houses-many-hawaii-inmates/> Plus the DOJ is investigating the conditions at a Core Civic facility in Tennessee. See that release from the DOJ here: <https://www.justice.gov/opa/pr/justice-department-announces-civil-rights-investigation-conditions-tennessees-trousdale> Core Civic seems to not have any oversight here or in AZ; out

of sight, out of mind. DOC can turn the other cheek on anything that happens to Core Civic inmates. Yes they are inmates, but they are human beings first. Most are not horrific people and they and their families deserve better and a second chance at life! Our tax dollars should be spent on safe facilities and not for-profit facilities and facilities that will help these individuals once released (which most will be released back into our communities and neighborhoods one day) be better people than when they went in!

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 9th September 2024 17:00

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**Subject:**

PD 5: Restrict Real ID eligibility to U.S. citizens PD 6: Require citizenship marker on driver's licenses and identification cards

**Comment:**

I hope this is done

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# Public Comments for the Law and Justice Interim Committee

**Date:** 9th September 2024 17:04

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**Subject:**

D/L requirements

**Comment:**

I just wanted to let the legislature know that I agree with restricting Montana drivers license to legal immigrants and Montana residence. Thank you for following through with this in our legislature as I think that it is very important! I am not sure about the marker pertaining to US citizenship. In order to obtain a Montana drivers license I think that citizenship should be a requirement prior to obtaining a license, and therefore should not have to have a mark on the license.

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