



ALASKA CORRECTIONAL OFFICERS ASSOCIATION

"Walking Alaska's Toughest Beat"

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To Whom It May Concern:

We have just received a notice from Mat-Su Pre-Trial Facility about Sergeant Randy McLellan. This letter is to notify all concerned that Sergeant McLellan is yet again under investigation. In addition, Officer Weeks is being investigated for the same incident. (See Attached letters: Sergeant McLellan and Officer Weeks) These investigations are politically motivated; Sergeant McLellan is an ACOA Board member and Officer Weeks is an ACOA representative.

These letters accuse the Officers of denying entry of a remand into their facility and then providing false information in their verbal and written statements regarding this incident.

In a previous incident, prior to Sergeant McLellan's even being investigated, Commissioner Schmidt called Sergeant McLellan a liar, publicly. (See Example Attached: Mr. Schmidt on Eddie Burke Show) The investigation found McLellan had not lied.

After being defamed by the Commissioner openly, Sergeant McLellan has been investigated again and again. This must stop.

Sergeant McLellan is one of the very best Officers within the Department of Corrections. He is honest to a fault. Sergeant McLellan is not just a great Officer and a great asset to the Department; he is also a natural born leader, who is respected by Correctional Officers state-wide. These continuing personal attacks on him are wrong, wrong, wrong.

It is not just wrong because this is America, not just wrong because government should not be used as a hammer against its citizens, but it is wrong because government officials, appointed by the Governor, should display some respect for basic fairness. The persecution of this Officer has to stop.

In the Department's zeal to "get" Sergeant McLellan, it is ironic that they use the denying of a remand as part of the reason.

Joe Schmidt's DOC Administration recently suspended another Sergeant for accepting into their facility a remand with dried blood on his ear. (See Attached: Sergeant Ellis Arbitration decision) When dispensing Sergeant Ellis's discipline (which was overturned) the Department said he should have not taken in the remand and instead should have sent him to the hospital. Then, remand with dried blood on the ear to the hospital - Now, remand de-toxing after being asleep on the street in minus 10 degree weather ... no problem, take him in. How are Correctional Officers expected to know their duties when the DOC is now being run in this manner?

In addition to all of the above, the Administrative Investigation letters to Sergeant McLellan and Officer Weeks claim the Officers provided "false information." Please read the letters attached for yourself. If I tried to explain how ridiculous the allegations of providing false information were, you simply would not believe me. Thankfully it is in black and white from the Department itself. Also attached are memos from each Officer involved in this incident so that you see the "evidence" for yourselves. (See Attached: Officer Memos)

Also attached is a letter sent on Sergeant McLellan's behalf from ACOA in March of this year. (See Attached: 3-6-09, Letter Commissioner Kreitzer) It was in regard to Sergeant McLellan being prevented from attending contract negotiation sessions. Sergeant McLellan's harassment has been on-going and the State has been notified continuously, with no results and no let up.

Could someone please do something on behalf of these good Officers?

Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.



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