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Testimony:

Hello!

My name is Shanta Perry#241940 and I'm formerly incarcerated at Osborne Correctional.I been incarcerated for over 25yrs.On March 16th Ombudsman Devaughn Ward came for me to sign some release papers for a story on NBC news with Len Bestoff about Report on access to outpatient specialty services in the Connecticut DOC. After leaving the meeting I was immediately labeled a snitch by an officer name Mason.The story aired on March 31st. C/O Mason started putting my safety and security at risk by labeling me snitch. I had contacted prison advocate Nancy Peters and Jacqueline Thomas of Hearst Connecticut Media about contacting the ombudsman, because I felt like I was being targeted.

On May 13th I was called for a 7:00pm visit and while walking in the main hallway I encountered C/O Mason asking me if I was going to the visit?I replied yes! C/O Mason said that he'll be down there. I told him to keep his ass were he was at, because he's known to stalk inmates visits. It should be noted that all this was being said while we walked passed by one another? I give my I.D. to a lady officer and a male C/O patted me down.

I went to my visit without incident.1hr and 20min later I was being taking to RHU for threats.The above C/O wrote me a ticket saying while he was at the desk to perform a routine pat down on me for my visit,I approached him in a threatening manner.The ticket reads that I told him his 1st name,home address and license plate #.This C/O falsified a legal document and placed himself somewhere he wasn't at. He never was at the desk and he never patted me down.

The next day the disciplinary officer came to see me and I asked him to review the video.After reviewing it I was told that he was going to show the higher ups (Deputy Warden and Captain)and get me out of RHU, because its clear that the officer lied on me.

On May 15th the Deputy Warden and Captain came to view the video. After viewing the video they came to my cell and asked me what happened?I told them about my little encounter with the C/O and told them the video explains everything. Even after the Deputy Warden and Captain viewed the footage, they still allowed me to stay in RHU a extra 5 days.(8 days in total) And transfered me to the most restricted prison in Connecticut, which is Corrigan.

None of the above said people intervened to protect my civil liberties.Most importantly this officer wasn't held accountable for his actions, which only empowers him even more to feel like he can continue to get away with this. I done wrote the commissioner, and warden about this issue and haven't received no responses. I also filed grievances which was all denied and is about to file a lawsuit on all parties that failed to protect my civil liberties.

I'd like to expose this system of not holding Correctional Officers accountable when they're in complete violation of employee conduct.