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Testimony:

Good evening.

I have mentioned ongoing issues with sending mail to my husband.
Kenyon Joseph 207827 at MacDougall CI.
Since he came back to CT in 2024, he has not received a single item of mail from me. And I send a package of photos once a week at the very least.
My mail has receipts showing tracking.
It gets to MacDougall and he never received it.

I have done something different this time. I sent 2 envelopes. One to him, one to another inmate (G). They are both tierman and therefore if Kenyon did not get his photos, G would pass it to him. So either way, he will have photos. These are not provocative. They are photos of his wife and children. Also included an obituary of a family member that recently passed.

The guys got their envelopes. I paid over \$60 each for them to travel from Canada to US. With tracking. G also asked if I can send him some NFL information, he is a fan.

Result:

One envelope had football items for G
Another envelope had over 60 photos for Kenyon.

However the envelopes were received opened. Kenyon said they were clearly opened and taped over. He knows how I seal them, this was done to replicate such but obviously not well since I do it a certain way.

Inside envelopes, both had football pages, half in one envelope. Half in another.
As for photos, one envelope had one (1) photo. The other 59 photos were missing.
So obviously the staff opened the envelopes, split the football pages and took out the photos.
They are now in possession of over 59 photos of our child and myself.

The tampering of mail has been since September 2024. I contact DOC once a week. I have not had a response at all.
My husband has severe medical issues. He admits to not being able to sleep and eat properly. He has almost no patience left. And knowing his child's photos are out there, knowing the administration continues to tamper with his mail - if he snaps, this will be his fault? We all have a breaking point and the CT DOC needs to stop doing this. Mail tampering is a federal offense.

I am asking for assistance on this matter. Because Kenyon is barely holding on physically and mentally. He has been in CT DOC for over 25 years. And his mental and physical health issues are well documented. I know I am ready to lose patience. Therefore, if nothing is done about this ongoing issue and he reaches his breaking point - then the Department officials have been made aware every single week for over two (2) years and hold responsibility for causing a person to reach a breaking point. And in this case, 2 people had mail tampered with.

Thank you.
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