

From La Tuna with Love

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Must be having a lot of fun because time sure is going fast. Next week will mark thanksgiving; and 3 years since trial. WOW!!

When I requested the extension of time in pretrial judge White made a comment about ruining everyone's thanksgiving. Little did I expect to spend the next 3 in prison of one sort or another. Last year when extending the resentencing hearing White commented that Muskogee County Jail was not a nice place (in which to spend the Holiday). And this year there remains a possibility that I will still head that way again for thanksgiving, though now for White it seems more like Christmas.

I am again in the process of actively seeking transfer to Herlong, just over the California border from Reno Nevada. Last week I had to explain to <sup>the same</sup> staff <sup>member</sup> for the third time that Herlong is the nearest prison to Dallas, Karyn, and family in Idaho. After having explained it in September, and again in October, the same Case Worker had my boss call me to ask for a California address; so back through the explanations again. The good news is that the paperwork got finished and submitted. I am not priveleged to know if the submission was by computer email or fax or how; so the waiting game is in full swing today.

In the last month there have been more declines <sup>of Transfers</sup> here than approvals. I know some of the declines have come as a result of incorrect medical data being submitted. As horrible as La Tuna medical is this is still rated as a medical facility; solely because it was built with wheelchair ramps 30 something years ago. Without a Doctor, or a Pharmacist we are rated as a medical facility so people are sent here for care they never get. Scott came here over a year ago because of medical needs that he had scheduled appointments for in Reno within a month. At this medical facility he is still waiting for things that would have been done in less than a month, but Herlong is not a medical facility for BOP; so a year later he ~~has~~ not had the treatment he would have gotten by outside providers up there. The simple need for root canal, a year later needs significant dental surgery for removal of teeth that could have been saved elsewhere. Yes, it is still true that there are many stupid bureaucrats in all of government who do not have your best interest in mind, or ours for that matter.

I remain uncompromising and working for the best method to press White into action on the 2255 to get out of here sooner. I am working on a motion to have the affidavits entered as evidence so they will have to be considered in his decision.