

Voices From Behind Wisconsin Prison Gates

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This is a newsletter written by inmates, for inmates, to share experiences, and connect with one another. It is edited and printed by the Incarcerated Workers Organizing Committee (IWOC) of the Milwaukee branch of the Industrial Workers of the World (IWW). Please write to us if you have anything you would like to share: complaints, stories, drawings, poetry, whatever you like. You can submit anonymously, and we will remain in touch with you. But if you submit publicly, your fellow inmates can reach out to you! We will respect anyone's request to remain anonymous. Let us know if there are people in other jails or prisons we should contact. Our address is PO Box 342294, Milwaukee, WI, 53234. nsin hotline is 920-345-2335.

Voices From Stanelly Correctional

Have you ever just sat and wondered? Found yourself just daydreaming? I often find myself doing both these things. In this day and age that's the last thing wanted. Politicians don't want the public to think because they then see the government for what they really are, bullies, terrorists, corrupt. Prison officers don't want prisoners to think. Why? Because we figure out what's wrong with their system before they do! Stop trying to prevent us and work with us. Education, education, EDUCATION. That is what is needed. Not programs in which staff and/or inmates just go through the motions. Educate! And not just us, educate the public as well. Programs don't help if there is nothing behind it. Here's some work, lets go to group and do some role playing or play a game, watch a movie, that's it and in a few months there's a certificate. Are you better? Are you fixed? No, all they did was pacify the system. The state don't care, they like the revolving door. The system is designed to fail. We are set up to fail. Predestined to fail. Why? Money. The wisconsin dept. Of corruptions has a prison population of a state twice its size at least. What's wrong with that picture? It's easy, no education. Why so overcrowded? In 2000 the "truth-in-sentencing" law was enacted. In order to implement a "new" law, you first have to ensure the old one is working properly. It's not mind you. Under "truth-in-sentencing", judges are giving out excessive and outrageous prison sentences. These are being added on top of what you have for "old" law with parole doesn't go anywhere either! The "program" that they have, generally can only be taken once your close to mandatory release(MR) max discharge(MD), or a parole defer of 12 months or less. When Gov. Scott Walker was elected into office in 2010, he stopped the pardon advisory board for executive clemency. So now, even if a person could be pardoned, that is off the table as well. So the problem is not getting better, it's getting worse officials make statements on tv or newspaper about how bad and dangerous prisoners are, we're not. We want and need something we can sink our teeth into so to speak. We need something that we can look forward to and is beneficial not only to ourselves, but also to the public as well. Don't work against us and keep you blinders on, work with us. We are all human, we all bleed red, we all have feelings and emotions. Some of us made mistakes, some of us are just stuck cause no one will listen. Shhh, do you hear that? Someone is asking for help. What are you going to do?

--Christopher Shingleton

Voices From Wisconsin Secure Program Facility

We are called abusers, abominations, anti-socials and animals.

We are labeled degenerates, dummies, demons and dupes.

We are the forbidden, the forsaken, and the forgotten.

We have empathy, emotions and very little equality.

We have issues, imaginations, illusions and insecurities.

We are belittled, battered, bruised and betrayed.

We are demeaned, degraded, discouraged and disrespected.

We are harassed, humiliated, rarely seen happy.

We are pawns, profit, we are prisoners.

We can be cool, calm as well as collective.

We can be peaceful, pious, passive and patient.

We can be humble, humane, and hold our heads up high.

We strive, we struggle, we sacrifice and self analyze.

We are white, black, brown and mixed.

We are your sons, fathers, brothers, uncles, lovers and husbands.

We are not who they say we are.

We are still human...

--A C

Voices From Sand Ridge Treatment Center

On October 14 2012, a food service staff smuggled a tape recorder into the facility and pulled it out on me. Trying to scare me, because I know of and walked in on her in a food service cooler, and when I went to her supervisor and alerted him to the illegal tape recorder, he did not want to call security as I asked instead he told the food service staff to take the illegally smuggled tape recorder out to her car and return to work. This is just one of the mental and physical abuse I am encountering here. On November 5 2012, this food service staff resigned. They cover up for each other here, especially falsifying documents placed into our alleged patient files, we are no more patient than a patient in mendota, it is a false title placed on us.

--Donald Samuel James

Voices From Waupun Correctional

It is known that inmates are doing self harm on a constant basis. Either they are being allowed to run headfirst into doors and walls or jump off sinks, while officers say "you are playing, where's the blood?" Inmates have also been cutting and hanging themselves. While an inmate is hanging Officers will stand there, pulling at their mace, and state "get down from their before I spray you". Hello, he's hanging! There are officers who work in seg. who are on a daily basis beating inmates or denying them meals or say enjoy this meal as if they are playing with the inmates food.

They have had this inmate, mckee, in a full bodysuit for months now & he's handcuffed at the wrist. They say for his protection against self-harm. This man has to eat, shit & drink in front of the officers. They got him out of his cell and took him to a cell where anyone can look in and see. They make him a toilet, his toilet is an open walker with a foot pan on it as for a toilet. Yes that's correct, it may sound crazy, but if y'all come down here, y'all will see!

--Jermaine Lockhart

My long term battle has been waged against the DOC inmate complaint review system (ICRS), because it is the foundation upon which the whole system is dependent upon. Because this is where they hide all the crimes committed by the DOC employees. Although I have been waging this battle by myself since 1994, and I've acquired enough experience to show the connection between the WDOJ/WODC. I do not have the resources or support to litigate my claims, or enable me to obtain the information I need in order to prove my claims. For example, if we get the inmate population to authorize the release of our personal complaint files, it will create a crisis and put your organization in a stronger position to force the WDOJ/WDOC to comply with the laws instead of using the confidentiality clause to conceal the many crimes that occur inside the system (which is the same method they use when a police is seen killing a brother in cold blood, with no consequences cause they so called investigation is always done in secrecy.

This is how I believe the system can be challenged, but I'm not strong enough to do it by myself and they know it! But, if anyone out there cares to help me, let me know.

--Wayne Brawer

Voices From Columbia Correctional Institution

I have been in prison now going on 14 years, for sexual assault. During this time I have been in the hole several times including observation, DS2, DS1, etc. Most of the tickets have been against the staff. I am a disabled veteran with 12 plus years in the military doing top secret jobs, one of which is an atomic demolition expert and assembler of nuclear weapons. I get a disability check each month for my injuries I have inquired during two wars, the Falkland War which I was a technician advisor to NATO and the Grenada War attached to the 75th rangers out of Georgia. I hold 7 belts in martial arts and am an expert marksman and knife fighter.

I have caught my cases fighting with these mental midgets who they got from the Mcdonalds reject pool or the old folks home. Most can't pour water from a boot without an instruction packet and wouldn't last 5 minutes in a firefight. I have 8 confirmed kills and 24 unconfirmed kills which include 2 by knife and I want you all out there who want to come to CCI[words missing]? Portage watch out. Let me give you some examples: My mom died in 2005 and my sister notified the institute the very same day, but did the tell me?

Nnnnnnnnooooooo! They didn't, my sister wrote me again after her long bereavement, because my mom lived with her. I was shocked to hear my mom was dead and it was February, 3 months later. I got on their ass about it and they said they forgot and put me in observation because I was upset; no shit sherlock! Instead of consoling me they put me in the hole for umpteen days. How's that going to make me feel better?

Let's get to some idiotic stuff shall we? I have witnessed officers bringing in drugs and food for the inmates, as well as selling them and scarfing them down themselves. Some have been fired of course but who's the worse crook in here, them or us? Then there's the officers who sit on their asses all day and do nothing, just draw a paycheck is all. If only I wrote a book, #1 seller it would be.

How about observation? Cold as hell with a smock and no blanket, county jails have them why not here? How about them ratty old blankets and those pillows you got to restuff yourself? Took me 6 months to get a new one! Now I'm not saying all the cops are bad, there are a few good ones. But only 5% are worth a hoot! I won't mention their names. Now take last week, a C.O. was doing his cell search and I had a container of kool aid mixed up. Well the C.O. thought it was hooch and had it tested. Well it was kool aid, but the mental midget threw it out to makes sure. Hello? I bought that at the canteen, same went for my salt, peanut butter and everything else that they serve during meals that you can get at the canteen.

Oh, don't get me started on those idiots down in St. Louis! Who puts soda in with potato chips and candy bars? They do, they dont give a rats ass if its destroyed or not they know if we return it it will be 2 more weeks till its rectified and they'll just do it again. That's if you get your order right in the first place the C.O.'s spend more time fixing and writing down the forgotten stuff (missing)[remove word] than handing out the canteen; And these are the people who are now taking care of the money sent in to us! Goodluck to you who do this I'm telling you, it's a cluster fuck. I've been to 30 rodeos, 20 circuses, 35 fairs and a buzzard fuck and I haven't seen anything like it in my life it's a riot, the guys make fun of the officers all the time. Now, I'm no saint, never was and never will be, but now get this we have went co-ed; that's right boys, we now have a full fledged female with all the body parts in the right areas and she flaunts it off to guys. Women in men's prisons sign me up for the women's prison, will ya!

Oh yeah, I had a friend, his name was Jake Bingham. He killed himself by hanging. Not only a friend, he worked for me and my dad on the outside. His funeral here was a joke and when I wanted to say my say, they rushed me along. There were only 3 people there that went and the rest were staff. The preacher didn't remember the idiot's name, but he's 5 cans short of a six pack if you know what I mean. Let's look at his shrink, worthless, says it all right there. I think they fired her because of a lawsuit, wonder why?

Let's talk about lawsuits shall we? How many have been filed, 100's. I think even the officers file them against the staff and DOC. I remember one sgt who confiscated all the sports illustrated magazines when Green Bay won the Superbowl and sold them, pocketing the money. There was a big stink here about it. The problem here in all the institutes, and a blind man can see it, is that nobody talks to anybody else. HSU doesn't talk to the special needs committee, they don't talk to the doctors, the doctors don't talk to the nurses, who don't talk to the unit managers, who don't talk to the white shirts, who don't talk to the officers, who don't talk to the shrinks, who don't convey their thoughts to anybody else; And they all sit around and drink coffee and shoot the shit and collect their paychecks while Joe Shmuck the inmate can't get let out for his meds because HSU is overworked and understaffed and their all quitting because of the conditions, and the inmates suffers because of it.

So what's the plan, how do we fix it? Simple, just line us all up and shoot us in the back of the head is what. Simple, costs, oh I'd say 100 bucks for 22 cal. bullets, save the DOC millions and no longer needs all this wire, food, oh don't say that, food. There's a good one, I spent 3 months in a POW training camp in Germany in 1978 -yeah I'm an old fart, 62 years old- now this food has no taste it's the same week after week. Now I'm not putting anybody down, your religion is yours, ok fine but don't rain on my parade will ya? I want meat, I'm no vegan, I'm no muslim, I want chicken, pork, beef, turkey, hell give me a bison it's good. I'm not hispanic, I'm not jewish, I'm an American who wants good food, now you may like Mexican food or you like veggies, don't care why not have it like they have in the military? A main meal and a short order line, hotdogs and hamburgers and deli sandwiches. Have you ever looked in the garbage and seen the waste? At least 50% of it goes in the garbage and since some nitwit says we can't pass our food to another table -bright idea NOT!!!!- It goes to waste instead.

Let's look at meds shall we? The institute here says we can't have tylenol, but sell it in the canteen. CCI is the only institute that this drug is controlled, WHY???? No idea, it has taken up to 1 month to get uncontrolled meds, if you get them. We now have to get our controlled med up at HSU so we have to get all dressed up and wait till our unit is called, no matter the weather, and scurry up there 4 times a day if, and I say if, the suppose to do, NOT!!! And if you can get your non controlled med on time, NOT!!!!!!

We have a guy here who is a diabetic right, his glucose meter thingy was broken and it was days before they fixed it, DAYS!!!! It should have been fixed right away, right, NOT!!!!!! Gentlemen of the other prisons, I could go on all day and night but my finger is tired with all this pecking, I'm going to write this long letter if you want to hear more just write me and I will pick out a letter to you ASAP. Well guys it's goodbye from wire city, nice chatting to you, keep your peckers up and don't let these bastards get to you, do as I do, to hell with the hole a simple cuff upside the head will do. And now I'm not condoning violence but sometimes you gotta do what you gotta do and me I'm a lifer, so I'm gonna get the respect I'm due, not because I'm in here, but for the service to this country

LIVE FREE AND DIE HARD MY FRIENDS

--Robert Leffer

I am a seriously mentally ill inmate who is classified as an MH-2b by the DOC. I recently received a conduct report for yelling and swearing during a psychology session. I was charged with disruptive conduct and disrespect, the security director gave me 90 days disciplinary separation or segregation and 15 days loss of rec. According to DAI 303.00.04 implemented on 6/1/2015 (VI)(E)and(F) I was to be provided with "alternative options" or barring that given a max of 60 days D/S. I see this as a major injustice as all "disciplinary separation" does is make my and other inmate's with MH-2a or 2b. Further deteriorate mentally.

People in my position I encourage you exhaust your remedies and take action in court. They don't care if we hurt ourselves, them, or each other. But when you hit their bank account, that's when they suddenly take notice.

In solidarity my brothers

-- Matthew LaBrec

I have contacted the IWW before about a month and a half ago. Well it's clear the DOC stopped it before it left the prison. That's nothing new in the DOC.

For starters I have gave all paperwork that proves WDOC just does not care about peoples lives to FFUP Ms Peggy Swan. There is a web page for the FFUP.

Many things happen in prison that a person on the outside wouldn't think is true. I have been to WSPF, WCI, CCI and WRC for only 30 days.

I have seen it all. I have seen people trying to kill themselves, seen people just hurting themselves, eat their own crap, drink their own blood, hanging themselves, cutting open their own veins, suicide more than 20 times.

It all started when I was in the supermax WSPF after a long time in solitary. I did 2 years in the county jail in solitary then right from county I went to Dodge for a few weeks in solitary, then Dodge transferred me to WSPF and WSPF put in AC status for a year ½ more in solitary. I was transferred out of WSPF because I became suicidal and WSPF wouldn't keep me no more. I ended up in WCI. And by that time I had become truly mentally unstable and became a cutter. I have cut so many veins open in my arms and now fight with cutting to this day.

I have stopped cutting on myself do to treatment by one and only one PSU doctor, and that's Dr. Boivin. He no longer works for the DOC. He couldn't do it anymore. Dr. Boivin will tell anybody who will listen about DOC PSU treatment. Don't take my word for it, contact Dr. Boivin. Peggy Sawm can help you get in contact with a real doctor that only wanted to help people. His name is Brad Boivin PHD.

So much goes on in prison, I feel like, I don't know where to start. I can tell you about me or others. The DOC likes to sue OBS as a form of treatment to stop people from self harm or suicide. The make OBS status so bad and hell like, truly suffering. In OBS status you are naked in a nasty cell with crap, blood and no telling what other stuff on the floors and walls. Trust me, I did over 105 days in OBS for suicide attempts.

Voices from Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility

You can also ask Dr. Boivin this question also: Dr Boivin believed in treatment not locking a person in a nasty cell, naked with people yelling 24 hours a day. OBS is a true form of torture. But it didn't stop me or help me. I attempted suicide in OBS many times. The DOC in Wisconsin needs to get a grip on life and understand what they do to the mentally ill inside prison is not working. I have done prison time in Calif, CDC. CDC prison system is nothing like Wisconsin DOC. It's a little better. I never cut on myself in prison in Calif or try to kill myself. So Calif must be doing something better, right?

Wisconsin DOC needs some real PHDs like Dr Brad Boivin to look over the prison's mentally ill.

My last suicide attempt I tried to hang myself. I told everybody beforehand I was suicidal. Nobody would listen.

Well they had to run in the cell and cut the rope off my neck. Dr. Boivin got me to start telling staff before I would cut myself or whatever. I came to CCI and I tell them and they do nothing. The fact of the matter is my life does not matter. I will never get out of prison. But I have a lot of friends that have real mental illness and they are getting out. The world has seen it time and time again. People that suffer from real mental illness sometimes do some very bad stuff. It's all over the news. You know what I'm talking about. I don't know about you but I have 2 little girls in Calif.

I wouldn't want nothing to happen to them. The fact is the DOC has a opportunity to help a lot, and they just don't care. Well Walker I know you have kids. I wouldn't wish any harm on you or your family but just think if tomorrow a mentally ill person gets out of prison and kills your kids. Governor Walker, I love all kids. I don't want to see anybody get killed. You have the power to help so many people. Maybe you or your family will never have to deal with any mentally ill people, but the more people that go through prison lifestyle become more ill in the mind. Governor Walker, you like being the first to make big changes in your state. Why not make a change that could save lives? I shouldn't care because I will never get out, but for some reason I do.

This prison life I have to live has changed me in my mind. I have seen so much sadness in here. Such a easy fix, but the DOC just does nothing. The good doctors quit working for the DOC. They will tell you why they quit, I know Dr. Boivin will tell you why. I still to this day ask for treatment and get none...

I could tell the CO outside my door right now I'm going to cut a vein open and die. He will say "ok"...

They just don't do their jobs. Had the CO told me a few days ago PSU told the COs to stop calling them if an inmate is making statements of self harm or suicide. It must be true because I'm hearing it and seeing it all the time. The mental health treatment in CCI is a joke... You should say no treatment.

If anybody has any questions please feel free to contact me at CCI.

--Justin P Welch

Dear Readers,

You can get what you want if you refuse to let circumstances defeat you. Perhaps there is no other more valuable lesson in life. Prison doesn't have to be a place for punishment, consequence, or discomfort. Prison can be an opportunity to change certain thoughts, feelings and actions. Depending on how an individual perceives being incarcerated, the outcome may be that of a positive one, or on the other hand, a negative one. But a person who hasn't served time can't really begin to understand or appreciate the problems that face inmates. A conducted tour of the penitentiary, visits, phone calls, and even letters to them cannot give one the insight necessary to be of much help. This is why our "voices" are important.

There's always going to be a war taking place somewhere in this world. But if that war was happening right in your own backyard, would you dive head first and prepare yourself for battle? Or would you simply turn a blind eye and go about your daily routine? For those of you in search of answers, I'm talking about the battling one of Wisconsin's biggest problems — It's inconsistent, immoral, and unethical legal system. Wisconsin jails and prisons are extremely overcrowded. Point, black, period. Something must be done to correct this unjust and costly operation, because there are far more effective and efficient ways to lower incarceration rates. Every individual is entitled to their own beliefs, views and opinions. These are just a few of my own.

First of all, I think Wisconsin needs to bring back some type of early release for those demonstrating positive behavior. Why shouldn't we be able to earn an early release if we've demonstrated positive behavior, maintained institution employment, and successfully completed all of our assigned programs such as our HSED, vocational training, CGIP, AUD [?; text cut off], etc? An individual may not be completely rehabilitated in this instance, but at least the individual has shown that he or she can follow rules and instructions, maintain positive attitudes and behaviors, and slowly show they can change into something far more positive than what was. Change is more than a discontinuance of undesirable conduct. The individual is only truly reformed when he or she has acquired new purposes, a fresh set of meanings, and a satisfying new role. Give us that opportunity to prove ourselves [cut off] [...] et my actions speak louder than my words. There needs to be more positive incentives such as "good time" in Wisconsin prisons. Abolish Truth in Sentencing (TIS), bottom line.

Secondly, I would like to know why Wisconsin has given so much power and authority to these Program Review Committees (PRC), Administrative Law Judges (ALJ), and especially these probation and parole agents (PO)? I'm currently an inmate at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF) and the majority of people I'm surrounded by, including myself, are here for minor rule violations and allegations. Very rarely do I hear or see an individual with a new case. People are being revoked for the most absurd things — Dirty UAs, absconding, driving without a license and allegations from an angered or jealous significant other. Wisconsin needs to limit the powers of these people! What level of education is required to determine the fate of an offender now-a-days? Incarcerating an individual for minor rule violations can be detrimental to one's life. Let's say an individual is incarcerated for an allegation and a dirty UA.

the assigned PO has to “investigate” the matter but in the meantime the individual that has been placed into custody now loses their source of income, their residence, their family support, their mode of transportation, and basically their hope. At what point do you say, “you have too much power”?

Unfortunately, There’s far more questions than there are answers when it comes to Wisconsin’s legal system. You can help me “fix the system” so to speak. Where products of a problem become part of the solution, the progress gains credibility. Our voices need to be heard! We need to be more involved. We need more individuals to speak out about what exactly goes on “behind bars”. Instead of focusing on your release date and your freedom, help those who will still be there long after you're gone. In this way, the former deviant becomes a “wounded healer” and a role model for others. This system wont stop doing what its doing unless people say something. We are those people! Enough is enough already. I have [?] heard the expression, “the pen is mightier than the sword”. Well, this short essay if it hasn't helped, at least it's done no harm. If it has helped, its done what it wanted to do and we both have more than we started with.

--Joseph “VP” Pietersom

Voices from Green Bay Correctional Institute

Greetings Comrades, Salutations to fellow IWOC/IWW members. Thank you for your fellowship. It is my utmost objective to help pull back the clandestine curtain of the Department of Corrections <DOC>. The prison monopoly empowered by avarice capitalists, who do not have the conscience to see human beings as humans, see prisoners as commodities to facilitate profit.

For it is a promulgated fact prevention resource to prevent incarceration and reincarceration after incarceration works only to incarcerate and entrapment to incarcerate. If you ask the question why then do bureaucrats do it. The answer will always be “for capital gain”. Capitalist bureaucrats believes more capital gain for capital, more power leads to more influence. The influential good ol’ boy network. We the people witness them in their jim crow laws, oil and gas drilling on native american territory, depreciation of white american high wage jobs overseas. However, there is one remaining, the industrialization of prisons.

--Ervie "Jihad" Gray

What is Community Supervision of Community Supervision?

It's a project of the #CLOSEmsdf Coalition designed to provide much needed oversight of the officials in charge of revocations in Milwaukee. We are systematically collection stories of revocations and linking them back to the specific Parole and Probation Officers and Administrative Law Judges responsible for them. If you would like to add to the archive, please send a letter to Milwaukee IWW- Community Supervision, PO Box 342294, Milwaukee WI 53234.

Participant's Identities will be Protected!

If contributing a story please choose one of these options

1. Coded response: We will listen to your story and convert it to general statements such as "frivolous revocation", "disrespectful treatment", "lost job", "missed important family event", etc. This way the officials cannot track it back to individuals.
2. Detailed story: We will transcribe or copy/paste your story and tell it in words you tell us, but not include your name. Use caution if you're on supervision. Too much detail might allow your PO to determine your identity and retaliate.
3. Full disclosure: We can include your name with your detailed story, this has more credibility and allows us and reporters to follow up with you, but also puts you at high risk for retaliation. Not recommended for people currently on supervision or likely to be targeted by police. We will no share any information without your permission.

What to Include:

Please let us know which of the three above-mentioned methods you prefer. If you do not specify we will choose the most secure "coded response" option. Please also include the name of your Administrative Law Judge and/or Parole/Probation officer. The goal of this project is individualized oversight of these officials.

For your story, feel free to speak off the cuff, or use these questions as a guide:

Who revoked you? What reason did they give? Do you suspect they have ulterior motives? How did officials treat you or talk to you during the proceedings? Were there any extra consequences negatively impacting your job, your family, your property, etc? Did you spend time in MSDF? if so, what did you experience?

Why are we doing this?

Wisconsin has a crimeless revocation problem. Taxpayers spend over \$36,000 a year re-incarcerating people in atrocious conditions at the Milwaukee Secure Detention Facility (MSDF). Tearing people out of their communities and traumatizing them at struggling community will only drive up the desperation of community members, increasing the number of people who resort to harmful acts. MSDF and crimeless revocations make Milwaukee less safe.

We want to combat this harmful trend by collecting stories of why people are revoked, the consequences of their revocations and connecting them back to the officials doing the revoking. We believe that this practice will deter frivolous revocations and protect our community members.

How are we doing this?

Contributors can email us at MKerevocations@gmail.com or by calling (262 320-7729, or snail mail at Milwaukee IWW-Community Supervision, PO Box 342294, Milwaukee WI 53234. Please name the PO and/or Admin Law Judge involved in your revocation and clearly choose one of the above reporting options: "Coded response", "detailed story", "full disclosure". Send us written accounts, video and audio files, or just call and leave a voicemail. Give us your contact information so we can follow up if we have questions. We will not share your name unless you explicitly tell us to.

We will solicit stories at our monthly pickets, through the CLOSEmsdf.org website and Facebook group, and at other community events.

What will we do with the stories?

We will compile and archive them on the Community Supervision of Community Supervision page on the CLOSEmsdf.org site, We might quote from them on the Expo Radio show or at press conferences and events. We might also confront POs and Admin Law Judges directly, demanding that they explain and justify their harmful behavior.

About the Incarcerated Workers' Organizing Committee (IWOC)

The Incarcerated Workers' Organizing Committee (IWOC) is a part of the Milwaukee branch of the International Workers of the World (IWW). We stand in solidarity with all prisoners, and believe that while any of us are imprisoned, none of us are free. We seek to connect prisoners with one another, and provide support whenever a prisoner seeks justice against inhumane conditions. You are welcome to submit whatever you like to the next issue of Voices! Let us know if there are people in other jails or prisons we should contact. Our address is PO Box 342294, Milwaukee, WI, 53234. Our Wisconsin hotline is 920-345-2335

