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Subject: Struse Victim Impact Statement

To The Honorable Judge of the Court:

On April 21st, 2014, I was violently attacked by Mr. Cyrus Sullivan.

This attack was unprovoked and occurred simply because Mr. Sullivan did not get his way.

Mr. Sullivan was placed at Northwest Regional Re-Entry Center to complete his Federal Bureau of Prisons sentence; this would allow him to seek employment, pay subsistence to offset the cost of his incarceration, take passes and potentially go on Home Confinement. This is an exceptional opportunity for felons to reintegrate back into society and get back to life. All residents of the program have 30 days to gain employment. In my role as Social Services Coordinator, these 30 days could be extended by me and relayed to the BOP if the resident is actively job searching and participating in vocational activities. Due to Mr. Sullivan's crime, his USPO Rene Worthey met with him, me and his Case Manager to clearly inform him that he would not be permitted to continue his websites/business (these were linked to his crime/conviction) and that all computer use had to be monitored. NWRRRC accommodated this restriction by having computer monitoring software installed on one of our resource room computers so that Mr. Sullivan could work on his employment portfolio and job search.

Mr. Sullivan repeatedly refused to job search, participate in vocational activities, and consider alternatives to running his former websites.

NWRRRC utilizes a progressive discipline policy for those who are not programming accordingly. After lengthy discussions with the Case Manager Supervisor, it was determined that I as Social Services Coordinator (supervisor for our employment department) would meet with Mr. Sullivan and review his lack of job searching, lack of participation in vocational activities and develop a plan of action and or write Incident Reports. Mr.

Sullivan was informed that the FBOP has an expectation of employment within 30 days and they reserve the right to take disciplinary action up to Return to Custody. This was done respectfully and kindly as I knew Mr. Sullivan would not be happy. Mr. Sullivan was fixated on the belief he would be returning to operate his former websites/"business" as well as he believed that he would be going on Home Confinement that day (4/21/14) which was not the case, as anyone going on Home Confinement has to be in compliance with program expectations which he was clearly informed he was not meeting. I determined that he was not hearing anything that I said and I knew that further attempts would be futile; however, I did tell him he needed to job search and apply for at least 10 employment positions per week.

Essentially I was alluding to the fact if he "job searched" he would remain in compliance with program expectations.

Mr. Sullivan's eyes literally changed and I terminated the conversation and excused him from my office concerned for my safety. Mr. Sullivan became argumentative about his Home Confinement placement and would not leave the Resource Room. He was directed to cool off and then he could request to see the Case Manager Supervisor regarding his Home Confinement placement.

My office was connected to the resource room and administration. I wanted to observe Mr. Sullivan leaving the Resource Room as I was concerned for my staff and other residents that were utilizing the

room. Mr. Sullivan approached me and I could sense that he was intimidating and hostile and I pressed my panic alarm.

Without time to process my next move, I was violently attacked. I was slapped across the face, punched in the face and shoved so hard into the wall; the wall was caved in and dented. I was taken to the Emergency Room to assess my injuries; my face was black and blue and swollen and my hand which was slammed into the wall when shoved swelled to four times its normal size. I was in agonizing pain and discomfort. It was determined that I had contusions and a hand sprain. Further tests in the next few weeks identified a neck sprain as well from being slapped with such force.

I have permanent damage to my hand and the cost of this is yet to be determined. I missed a considerable amount of work due to medical appointments, physical therapy, and counseling. I have experienced PTSD due to the attack.

I have worked in the corrections field for five years as of the day of the attack. Inmates are not your friends and as a professional it is critical to remain objective at all times to avoid potential conflict. Although the population I worked with had felonies and some had very destructive and pervasive lives prior to current incarceration, I rarely felt in danger of my safety as I was respectful to these individuals and in return I was respected. I was mindful of my surroundings and backgrounds of those who I worked with. I have experience and education in mental health counseling so I am able to identify potentially hazardous situations and prepare myself and others for safety. To summarize, although I know inmates are not my friends and all have the potential to be dangerous mentally or physically, I rarely felt in danger and due to the amount of time and services provided for residents in securing employment, an employment portfolio, housing, medical, dental, clothing, and other services with the assistance of my department. I enjoyed working with most residents and was an advocate, cheerleader, and support system; the residents could be likeable. After the assault, residents that I trusted and felt safe with – I no longer felt safe with. I would begin to sweat, shake, feel like I was going to pass out and possibly vomit if they were in my office – classic PTSD – and although my intellectual side knew this, the extreme feelings were so overwhelming and threatening to my emotional and physical health I was not able to fulfill my job duties. This was absolutely not fair to other residents who were trying to do the right thing or to me. I really loved my job and was very good at it. While I am not irreplaceable, NWRRC and the residents lost my capabilities as I determined I could no longer work there. NWRRC was willing to tailor my job description so that I would have limited contact with offenders, however, that was not acceptable to me as I liked my job as it was. You, Mr. Sullivan took away my ability to function safely and to continue working there. I cannot even tell you the impact of the assault and how angry I am at the hell that I went through emotionally and physically and still continue to do so; I had to leave a job I loved because my safety had been compromised because you are a selfish, immature, uncontrolled, non-remorseful person. [REDACTED] and chose to assault me because you weren't getting your way. You showed no remorse at any time for this attack and that makes you a danger to society.

Life is not fair and you probably feel like the victim which you are not.

I would like to ask you how your life is going? You have spent time in prison for your previous crime and have faced intense scrutiny because of your choices. Now you will serve additional time in prison because of continued poor choices. Is this the life you set out to have? Why not use your intellect for something positive versus being destructive and evil?

Really ask yourself how your behavior and choices have served you? The old adage states "It takes one bad apple to ruin the whole bunch". You Mr.

Sullivan are the bad apple because you choose to be.



Whitney Struse, MS

Sullivan Resource Room Contract:

**Before you begin job searching you must:**

Complete ALL packet work including:

- 1) Resume
- 2) Cover Letter
- 3) Criminal History Statement
- 4) Job Hurdles
- 5) Master Application
- 6) You must create a professional, new email and you may not use/access your previous Hotmail account (or ANY past accounts). This new account cannot be linked to any accounts that you currently have.

**\*Packet work will be completed no later than Wednesday 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2014.**

**Access to the RR Computers:**

- 1) You may only have access to the computer between 12:30 PM and 3:30PM, M-F.
- 2) Please check in with staff no later than 12:30 PM to schedule your time.
- 3) You will be given one hour to complete your job search.
- 4) You will sign in and out on the RR computer log sheet.

**Parameters for job searching:**

- 1) You may go to the following two websites: Simply Hired and Craigslist. If a website attempts to navigate you to a third party website you **MUST** talk to Resource Staff before going to it.
- 2) Computer use is restricted to employment programming. This includes updating your resume, cover letter, and criminal history statement.
- 3) Email correspondence is reserved for job search only.
- 4) You will apply to 6-10 jobs a week and document this in a daily job log. You will be required to turn in a job log every Friday no later than 5:00pm.
- 5) You may not apply to computer related jobs. You must apply to a minimum of 6 jobs a week that are not computer based.

\*Increased access to the computer will be reviewed if you remain in compliance with this contract.

\* You may be required to participate in employment services in the community. You will not be allowed to use the computer while in the community.

I have read and understand the requirements and expectations of me. I agree to abide by these requirements, and understand that my failure to do so will result in loss of access to the Resource Room.

Resident Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_


Staff Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Date: \_\_\_\_\_

# NORTHWEST REGIONAL RE-ENTRY CENTER

3/25/14

To: All Residents

From: Whitney Struse, Social Services Coordinator



Re: Computer Use in Resource Room

NWRRC has installed tracking software on all Resource Room computers. This will enable RR staff to monitor abuses to the RR computers.

From this point on, each time you use a computer, you will need to sign in and out. There will be a sheet at each computer. Staff can remotely view each computer at any time and see what is currently being viewed and will additionally review each computer's tracking software several times daily in conjunction to the sign in/out sheets. Cameras will also be used if needed.

Please see opposite side to review the Computer Use Agreement that each of you has signed in your Employment Orientation. Should you be found visiting unapproved sites or failing to sign in and out of the RR computers, you will face disciplinary action.

I appreciate in advance your compliance with the above requirements and adherence to the Computer Use Agreement.