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EXILED IN PURGATORY: MORE INSANITY

In Florida's Close Management (CM), their version of "supermax", there are three "levels" a prisoner must progress through before they can be released back to general population: CM1, CM2 and CM3. Prisoners generally start out on CM1.

Ostensibly a prisoner spends only 6 months on each level. In practice that's not how it works. Every 6 months a prisoner is given a review in front of a "committee" of prison officials who decide whether a prisoner should be promoted or released from CM.

Im in CM for a fist fight in which I was attacked by another prisoner with a broom. The inmate broke two brooms over me. I received 30 days in the "hole" (disciplinary segregation) for the fight and the other prisoner got 20 days. He was released to general population in spite of it being his third fight in two months. It was my first fight and I was sent to CM. And I was only defending myself. I had only spent 30 days in general population.

I've now been in CM in Florida since April 2013. Im the only prisoner in Florida to be in CM for a minor fight. Im currently on CM2.

My classification officer came to serve me with my CM review paperwork for my 6 month review to determine if I will be promoted to CM 3. The classification officer recommended I be reduced to CM 1, which means at least another year and a half in CM.

Why the reduction? No reason. For the last 6 months I've had "satisfactory" and "above satisfactory" monthly reviews (the highest you can receive). It is another method prison officials use to punish prisoners they don't care much for. I'm an undesirable.

Throughout Florida this is used in the various CM units. Units where extreme isolation is the norm. Along with the other issues in CM that contribute to the mental deterioration of citizens, this is just more insanity....