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Ronnie,

Just, let me say that I shouldn't be writing this. Please keep this between us at all cost.

At one point during your incarceration, I was a sounding board for your frustrations, your ups, and your downs. I enjoyed our many conversations. It has been over a month since I've worked "D" floor or have been on the floor for any reason. The few times that I've been able to get to "D" floor, allegations have been made by my supervisors that you and I are having sexual relations. Therefore I've been "banned" from "D".

Anytime I come to your floor, I'm questioned extensively and then the floor officer is also questioned (supposedly without my knowledge). For unimportant reasons, I've had major problems with both my Lt and my Sgt. and they're looking for any reason to get me fired. Every thing I do is logged and secured with a date, time, and tape recording.

I don't care what you did or didn't do. Personally, it's best that I know nothing about your case. I neither

Condone nor condemn your actions. My job is to provide you with housing, food, medical care, and a safe and secure environment. I'm not judge or jury and have no intentions to be either. If you are guilty then you will have to face the ultimate judge. As I've said, the least I know, the better my job security.

Whether or not there's an attraction between us is not the point. It's not as if we could do anything about it anyway. I just felt like you needed to know that I'm still here for you if you need to talk. The only thing I can suggest is that you give notes to Cpl Robinson, Ojc Bishop, or Ojc White only if you need something. These are the only three trustworthy officers on my shift. The order of preference would be Cpl, White, then Bishop but all three are very protective of me. If I should happen to fall in for another platoon, I'll try to come by and say "hello". Just remember that you are in my thoughts and prayers. Again, please understand that basically it's not you but my supervisors who are searching for any reason to get me out of here. My distance from you is for job security only. I also ask that you please destroy this (flush it) in case there's ever a raid. The fast thing I need is a letter to you from me. Thanks
Ojc J Smith

I'M SO VERY SORRY IF I HAVE IN ANY WAY BEEN THE CAUSE OF YOUR PROBLEMS. PLEASE DON'T DO ANYTHING ON MY BEHALF THAT WOULD GET YOU INTO TROUBLE OR GET YOU FIRED.

YOU'RE A VERY NICE WOMAN AND I SAY THIS FOR YOUR OWN GOOD! "YOU HAVE A JOB TO DO AND IT DOESN'T INCLUDE EMOTIONAL INVOLVEMENT." WHEN YOU LEAVE HOME YOU NEED TO LEAVE YOUR EMOTIONS THERE. YOU'RE TOO NICE AND THERE'S TOO MANY PEOPLE IN THIS PLACE THAT WILL USE YOU BECAUSE OF IT. BELIEVE ME I'VE FOUND OUT THE HARD WAY AFTER LIVING WITH THESE KIND OF PEOPLE FOR 6 MONTHS AND WATCHING THEM COME AND GO. THE ONLY THING THEY THINK OF IS THEIR SELVES AND THEY WOULD NOT CARE IN THE LEAST BIT IF YOU GOT FIRED.

I DON'T KNOW HOW TO SAY THIS OTHER THAN TO BE STRAIGHT FORWARD. SO THAT YOU DON'T TAKE ME WRONG FROM THE START, I WILL BEGIN BY SAYING THAT I BELIEVE THAT YOU ARE SINCERE ALTHOUGH DUE TO THE CIRCUMSTANCES OF YOUR JOB AND MY CASE I THINK THAT IT'S BEST THAT WE NOT WRITE.

In hindsight, you're probably right. I must confess that when I started reading about your case I wasn't really interested. (In fact, I don't really remember the actual beginning). As the case progressed, like any "rubber necker" became intrigued and fascinated as the tale unfolded. Obviously, at the time, I was not employed by the CSB and was not hired until Jan '97. I came to the jail w/ the "tough cop" attitude and swore that

ie inmates would know who was boss. When I discovered that you and Ted were incarcerated here, I got very defensive and hostile. My vow was not to let you get away w/ anything on the inside. I've never met Ted but in working w/ you, I've grown to like you. Whatever the circumstances surrounding your case, you are a great person, easy to talk to, and have a great personality. You don't do too bad in the flocks dept either. Like I was trying to say earlier, I can't be subpoenaed for any reason relating to you. Because I'm outgoing, I ^{ve} really enjoy^d the conversations that we've been able to have in the past and miss those. That's the reason I suggested that we write, especially when you're shipped. Obviously, though, you have better foresight than I. My supervisors are enjoying intimidation, harassment and mind games to try to get me to quit my job. This evening, tho, it had nothing to do with you. My Sgt feels that it is duty to search my briefcase and purse when I'm not around to see what "I'm hiding." I want no more problems for you than you want for me. When I can, I'll talk to you and when I can't, I'll think of you. I wish you well in the coming months with your case. I'm really glad that your family is sticking by you. Take care and don't hesitate to write if you need anything. Janet