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Ms. Shelby Warren
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RE: Inmate Travis Warren, SCDC #226015

Dear Ms. Warren:

Your email to the Governor's Office regarding your son, Inmate Travis Warren, SCDC #226015, has been referred to me for response. I have conferred with Warden Edsel Taylor of MacDougall Correctional Institution and find the following.

On April 30, 2016, the officer in your son's unit heard loud yelling coming from his room. He went to the room and found your son in bed, yelling. There was a strong, sweet smell coming from his room; therefore, the officer contacted a sergeant to report to the area. The sergeant escorted your son from the unit and observed that he was having trouble walking, had slurred speech and was confused. Based on the officer's experience and training, your son was charged with being Under the Influence of Intoxicants. He was also involved in a second incident later the same day exhibiting the same symptoms.

As a result of the above, you spoke with Ms. Ramey, Administrative Assistant at MacDougall CI, regarding your concerns. She informed you that your son had been charged and was scheduled to appear before the Disciplinary Hearing Officer (DHO). She explained that your son would be permitted to give his side of what had occurred and that the officer who charged him would be present also. She also explained to you that if your son was found guilty, he could appeal the conviction by submitting a grievance appeal. Your son was found guilty by the DHO and subsequently transferred to Turbeville. He is currently on visitation, canteen and telephone restriction until September 5, 2016.

You called Ms. Ramey and informed her that an inmate was stabbed in front of your son's room and that he was scared. You said he was willing to tell staff everything they wanted to know about what was going on in the institution. Ms. Ramey immediately informed the contraband/investigative section and the Shift Captain of your call. Your son was called to the Shift Captain's office to speak with him; however, your son said he was not giving us any information and also stated that he was not writing a statement. Based on this, he was returned to his unit.

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On May 19, 2016, following your son's transfer to Turbeville, you called MacDougall CI and spoke with the contraband officer. You informed him that your son's television was stolen approximately three weeks ago, but he was too scared to inform the officers.

I have verified that your son purchased a television on April 5, 2016 MacDougall staff is searching for the television and if his television is found at a later date, it will be forwarded to the property control officer at Turbeville to be mailed home at your son's expense. In accordance with SCDC policy, because of your son's disciplinary conviction, he is no longer authorized to have a television in his possession and it must be mailed home. In addition, he is not authorized to purchase another television until May, 2017.

Your son has been incarcerated since October, 2013. During this time period he has received 12 disciplinary charges, many of which were for Possession of Contraband.

I trust the above is responsive to your queries.

Sincerely,


Michael McCall
Deputy Director for Operations

cc: Governor's Office
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