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Statement

DEWBERRY: I'm here sitting here at Pelican Bay SHU [Secure Housing Unit] where me and similarly situated prisoners have been violated of their human rights, their civil rights which is a constitutional violation for human beings. We have peacefully correlated together in order to present to the warden, and to the state of California, that no prisoner's Constitutional rights should be violated under any circumstances. Request to the Governor, CDCR Secretary, Warden of PBSP, have been informed 2-3 months ago of the act that we are about to embark upon. I'm here today to tell you that every race here in Pelican Bay, --- and --- throughout California prison system that we are one united fist, in solidarity in this hunger strike. What needs to be understood that the prison industrial complex in the United States have control units in SHU throughout the United States. Human rights violations existing throughout this country. We have come to take a stand due to the fact that we have been subjected to this for 21 years. I, --- (name) have been held in prison, 30 yrs. Of the 30 yrs, I've been held in confined units since 1985. To this day, they cannot state that I came to the hole, SHU, locker for violent crimes as it relates to my placement. Nor can other --- state that we physically committed an act of violation which placed us in SHU since this prison has been open. I personally have been at this prison since the year of 1990 and to this day, prisoners' constitutional and civil rights have been violated. What I suggest, and what I see, is that every organization that stands for human rights and civil rights within the borders of the United States, come to the table and deal with all organizations that support us currently. What I suggest is the Jesse Jacksons of this world, the Al Sharptons of this world, the --- of this world, I seek them and even the President of the United States to speak to the issue of the torture behind prison walls. We as prisoners come to prison for crimes that was convicted in a court. We are being held in SHU for crimes we never been convicted of.

“What are your core demands?”

Our core demands are

- 1) Cease the group classification and provide us a 115 that is a rule violation in relation to our individual, not of a particular group that CDCR is likely to disfavor at any given time.
- 2) We also seek, as prisoners, have the debriefing policy disbanded. You have an unidentified snitch, rat turncoat that speaks to an individual. And on the word of that turncoat, places us in SHU. I've been in SHU, as many others, from 1 yr to 40 yrs to this day. In SHU, solitary confinement, based on a snitch. It is inhumanely impossible they could convict any one of us on a chrono (?) crime for the reason they have us in SHU.
- 3) We seek also that the militants we spoke of in this meeting, in our fifth core demand, that there is a rational, reasonable reason why they do not fit a security violation. Anything we ask for on a 5-core demand is being given to prisoners in ---. How can you deny us today of those core demands which the federal prison ---, ---prison, federal prison, ---. offer these same things to prisoners. Will we see the justice? Will we see just a basic policy? To which the policies of CDC is being violated. No prisoner should be subjected to inhumane treatment

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The other day, we are on a hunger strike, on our 6<sup>th</sup> day. Due to us being on a hunger strike and eating no food, the four officers must clean the tiers, clean the yards, and clean our showers. You get 8 cells to a pod. In any pod, showers [are] every other day. Switches from the bottom tier to the top tier. The only showers that are being cleaned is twice in a seven day period. The yard is not being cleaned for "sanitary reasons." It is unsanitary. It is not being washed, it is not being swept. The tiers [are] only being cleaned twice a week. To which, they use the showers by coming in with a bucket of spray and covering the showers, which is unsanitary under any circumstances in this country. We are on a hunger strike to protest all the things they are not doing for sanitation reasons, putting all of our lives in danger, for all types of diseases. They continue, right to this day, not to follow their own rules. CDC do not follow their rules, PBSP do not follow their rules. We are subjected to this type of torture 24 hrs a day. If you ask your child, ask your mother, ask your brother, ask your aunt, and ask this question: Would you want to be treated where you couldn't have clean sanitation in the area in which you live, would you want to be locked away based upon somebody snitching, debriefing, ratting, a turncoat? These people are the lowest of the lowest, because they only do it for opportunistic reasons. We, as prisoners, understood that. We, as prisoners understand the prison system of oppression. The green role of CDCR prison staff is in full effect. They are doing everything they can do to make this hunger strike, and all participants', life a living hell.