



Newsletter October, 2017

Please share this newsletter with others who did not receive one. Do send us your ideas & information for the next newsletter. We also love to receive your poems and drawings to post on our Facebook page! Our next newsletter will be due around February, 2018

Legal Update

Michael Lambrix, who used to write our legal column, is sadly not with us anymore, he was executed on October 5, 2017. He is missed and it is our comfort to know he is in a better place now. We keep his family and friends in our thoughts and prayers. Karin Elsea will from now on write the legal columns.

Of Information:

- **Fans** - If you are without a fan or your fan has broken down, and you are without the means to buy one, please let us know and we will try and help you. Please understand that we do need to check whether you have already a working fan in your possession.
- **Medical** - If you want FDRAG to contact Centurion on your behalf it is necessary that you sign a medical release form (DC4-711B Consent and Authorization for Use and Disclosure Inspection and Release of Confidential Information (HIPAA Form) giving medical permission to discuss your care. You can write a DC6-236 Inmate Request to Medical Records asking to be called out to sign a release of information form. You can sign the form to Geesje de Jong, Janneke van Steenberg and Karin Elsea. **Please write to them directly about the medical issues you are seeking help with.**
- **Food/Property Packages** - Packages from Union Supply & Access Securepak for the fall/winter can be ordered from September 27 - October 27.
- **Pictures** - If you have no (recent) pictures of yourself and you have received no visits for at least 90 days to have pictures taken, you can send an inmate request to the admin lieutenant and ask for your picture to be taken, you will be brought to visiting park for this.
- **Facebook** - Ask family and friends to become FDRAG friend on our Facebook page <https://facebook.com/fdrag.florida.5>

We contacted DOC for you about...

(Some issues are ongoing and we are still working on them, please keep us updated)

- **Screens windows - UCI** - Screens were removed for repair, and some of you complained about mosquitos/heat etc. Screens have been repaired and put back.
- **Night Lights/Missing Light Covers - UCI** - The lights on the outer catwalk are being switched on every 30 minutes in the night every time an officer walks through. The constant switching on and off of the twin bulb fluorescent light fixtures, wake the men up all night long. Some of the lights are missing covers. They have been told maintenance department is in the process of securing replacement covers for those, but currently without.. We contacted Secretary Jones and assistant warden on your behalf: - *The light covers were not done on all lights and in many cases were pieces of cardboard and not a real cover. Most of them have fallen down or had to be taken down due to safety issues. We are reviewing some options to help with this but don't have a solution as of yet.*
- **MP3 Players** - issues with MP3 players - *The MP3 player issues are being addressed by the contract company. They are aware there is an issue and are working to correct it.*
- **CFO-Religious-Diet-Menu** - 3 cold meals a day, is it possible to have at least one hot meal a day for inmates on this diet? *The CFO meal is something that is universal statewide. We don't make a determination about what is served. We are unable to serve to anything different than what our menus allows.*
- **Grievances** - complaints that grievances go missing, or not given a reply. *They are picked up by classification staff and placed in a locked box. Each one is logged and tracked very closely. We take the grievance process very serious and know it is the inmates only avenue for complaint and would never restrict that access.*

- **Medical/Centurion** - complaints about medical treatment, behavior of physicians and medical staff towards inmates. Prescription of med's for a limited time and the renewal takes a long time for some that are on continued medication. Centurion is difficult to contact, even when inmates have signed the medical releases forms. - *The medical concerns are always reported when we receive them. Many families reach out to us and we ensure they are provided the information they request. Unfortunately when seeking specialty treatment it can take a long time to be scheduled which is frustrating for families.*

Mailingaddress

Please send your letter to: Janneke van Steenbergen - Maasdijk 1c W/S LEBA - 5317KP Nederhemert, The Netherlands OR Geesje de Jong - Maleme 17- 15237 Filothei - Athens, Greece. This is meant for all the mail, except pen pal requests and card requests, for those addresses, see below. Please include grievanes in your letter if you want us to help with certain issues.

Correspondence

Diane Thornton is now in charge of pen pal requests. You can send your letters to Diane, with some details about yourself, to **Debbie Elliott, PO box 270432, Oklahoma City, OK 73137** and Debbie makes sure Diane gets your letters. We comply with **Title 33 of the Florida Administrative Code** and do not place inmate ads soliciting pen pals or market advertising services.

Cards & Christmas Cards

Our card lady Gina Quick is not available right now for cards, and that includes Christmas cards. If you need Christmas cards please send us the form at the bottom of the newsletter and we hope we will be able to cover all your requests. Please send the form to: **Debbie Elliott, PO Box 270432, Oklahoma City, OK 73137**. We do realize that some of you may have sent stamps to Gina and have not received cards, we are sorry about that, please send in the form and we'll do our best to send Christmas cards your way.

Angeltree Form

At the bottom of this newsletter you will find the Angeltree form. If you like to request gifts for your child/grandchild please fill in the form and send it to: **Debbie Elliott, PO Box 270432, Oklahoma City, OK 73137**

In Memoriam

Mark Asay - 03/12/1964 - 08/24/2017

Michael Lambrix - 03/29/1960 - 10/05/2017

Remembering those we have lost on the row since November. May they now R.I.P. Our thoughts and prayers are with all their families & friends.

FDRAG (Florida Death Row Advocacy Group) is dedicated to working to improve the living conditions on death row in Florida and we are here to try to help you with your concerns, complaints, issues etc. For those who would like help from FDRAG, we do ask that you contact us directly (Janneke van Steenbergen and Geesje de Jong, addresses see below) and we get back to you as soon as possible.

Website: www.fdrag.kk5.org

Facebook

Email: fdragflorida@yahoo.com

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Geesje de Jong - FDRAG Director - Maleme 17- 15237 Filothei - Athens, Greece. **Janneke van Steenbergen** - FDRAG Assistant Director - Maasdijk 1c W/S LEBA - 5317 KP Nederhemert, The Netherlands. **Karin Elsea** - Paralegal, General legal Questions and Medical Issues - Chemin de Beau Val 18-1012 Lausanne, Switzerland.



Angel Tree Gift Form

The idea is to help you buy a gift for a child: the gift will be mailed in time for the holidays with a card bearing your message.

Your name:

Name of the child:

Message on the card:
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(or include your message on a piece of paper)

Desired gift (give us 3 ideas):

Please keep your desired gifts under approximately \$20.

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Age of the child: Boy or girl:

Your connection to the child:
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Address of the child:
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Please return the form to:
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PO box 270432
Oklahoma City, OK 73137

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Christmas Cards Request Form

Please return form to: **Debbie Elliott, PO box 270432, Oklahoma City, OK 73137**

I would like to receive 5 Christmas cards

Name:

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