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I'm so happy to see this photo. Thank you Natalie. I love you. And I love my family. I received your card yesterday. And it's 56. That seems weird to say/type. Glad to hear and see everyone together. You are a good hostess.

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Merry Christmas!

It is about how much GOD our LORD loved you and loves you! Isn't that Wonderful! GOD bless you Natalie and Kevin. Merry Christmas...

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To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

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How are you?

Hello Natalie. How are you? I haven't heard from you in a while. I hope you are okay. Hopefully you have rested

up from Christmas and all of the holidays. Did you get my card I sent you? And the Merry Christmas email?

I think you are glad the basketball razorbacks finally won an conference game this season against an SEC team on the 22nd. Are you doing church activities this month at your church? It sure has been cold this winter. I don't like it as it hurts.

when needed. How are your type issues? Prayerfully you are okay. On well, I'll quit for now. Hope to hear from you. I love you Natalle. You take care.

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To : GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

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Location: 09330

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Happy 2025!

Can you believe it is 2025? That is so crazy, did we ever think about living in the year 2025? It was good to hear from you. Yes, I received both your Christmas Card and the email. They were such a nice surprise! I heard from Madison the other day and she is taking two classes again this semester (yay!). I am glad that she is pushing forward. I have been praying that nothing will hinder her from completing her education.

I just had lunch with mom and dad. My heart just sinks every time I see them. I haven't actually seen them since Christmas. Mom seems tired and daddy's eyesight is getting worse. He also didn't have his teeth in today so he looked funny:) (don't tell him I said that!). Dreading the day when I have to make decisions for them. Hopefully they won't have to go into assisted living or anything, that they will just go when it is God's timing.

I cut my thumb with a box knife last week. It wasn't too bad but it was deep. I went to the urgent care clinic and they cleaned it up for me and I received 1 stitch. I have a bulky bandage on it, mainly to protect it. In Sunday school this week one of my little boys (2nd grade) said that my finger was freaking him out. Not sure what to make of that:)

I don't remember if I told you that Kevin's older brother Michael died back in November. They are having a service for him in March and Kevin and I are planning on going (Washington State). Lacretia (Kevin's mom) will want to go but we are not going to take her. She is very slow, uses oxygen at night, and her constant talking (mostly complaining) would drive us too nuts. Plus the flights are expensive and we aren't sure if she is even welcomed or not. They have not been in contact with her at all, even though I encouraged them to contact her. They got mad at her years ago, we suspect because they kept trying to get her to come out there (at their expense) and she wouldn't go. She is also not a good grandma. It never occurs to her to even send a card to her grandkids on their birthdays. They see that as rejection or not caring so, I get it. What a mess we humans make of things!

I suppose you are happy that Trump won the election. I am just flabbergasted. I know that it would do no good to explain my side so I won't bother, but America is now in great danger.

Well, the Razorback victory was short-lived. The women's team is doing much worse, losing by 20+ points nearly every game. We are all looking forward to baseball season! Our gymnastics team is doing well so far too.

I am interested in hearing what you think of the study I sent you. I just finished a Bible study on Revelation and am starting one on Heaven by a different author (Jennifer Rothschild). It would be good to get David Jeremiah's take on it as well.

Glad that you recovered from

That is so hard to get rid of and it can easily get worse. I hope that they had your x-rays mixed up with someone else's! I think you would know it if you had a broken back and but am not sure.

Well, guess I will close for now. I hope that your 2025 gets better and that you can find enjoyment in your work or other activities. I love you!

Natalie

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Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Please Send Madison's e-mail.

Hi there Sissy! Did you have a happy Groundhog day? The hogs finally beat Kentucky. Coach Cal is grinning from ear to ear this week.

I hope you all are well. Are you eating healthy and staying hydrated with good water? I've learned and read a lot about the importance of drinking plenty of water each day. I read the other day about how staying hydrated helped those guys in the army in the jungles of Vietnam to stay mentally alert for when something happened they had to respond to. I feel better consciously making myself keep drinking about a gallon of water or more per day.

As you know, you and I have allergy season coming up with everything budding and tree pollen etc. So we may as well get ahead of it. I gotta go to work at the Kitchen. Please send me Madison's e-mail so I can send her a request Or maybe you can set her up or show her how. She told me she would like to emessage. Thank you for putting the money on my account. The infirmary has already taken out their charges. Remember when the politicians made us all believe prisoners should pay a medical co-pay. They had no idea what really goes on in prison medical. Anyways, I love you all. God bless you. I'm reading about John the Baptist in your book. Talk to you later.

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To: Natalie Hall, CustomerlD: 31760010

Date: 2/5/2025 8:04:51 PM EST, Letter ID: 2231236332

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

I was looking at my picture you sent.

Hi Natalie! I was looking at the Thanksgiving picture you sent to me. I love it. Madison is eating it up what you have her doing. She is loving it and having so much innocent fun. I love this picture. Thank you.

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From: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

To: GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Date: 2/6/2025 4:47:30 PM EST, Letter ID: 2231913460

Location: 09330

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Hello!

Dear Grant.

I am glad that you are feeling better. Are you still using your CPAP? I am still struggling with mine. It wakes me up about every 2 hours. My sleep doctor (nurse practitioner, I have NEVER even met the actual doctor) tells me that I must use it 70% of the time or insurance will not pay for it. She suggested that I wear it at least 4 hours per night and I can take a night off now and then. Unfortunately I don't always make it 4 hours before I get annoyed with it and take it off. Ditto, there are too many nights when I can't bring myself to put it on. It hasn't helped me as much as I hoped although I am still not getting enough sleep at night.

Before I forget, Madison's email is: madison.hardin.14@gmail.com Can you believe that she has had that email since she was 14? I sent her the link to the JPay but she might need help setting it up, it is not intuitive!

Not much going on here. Hoping that winter isn't over already. I love winter and it seems like we don't have much winter anymore. Have you guys gotten much snow? I suspect that you probably get more than we do because of your location.

So, have you been learning about heaven? I wanted to share something with you that I have learned. There seems to be two levels of heaven, one that we go to when we die and one that we will go to when Christ returns and the new heavens and new earth are created. Paul references the first one in 2 Corinthians 12:2-4 when he speaks of a 3rd heaven or paradise. Even that heaven is so awesome that Paul didn't want to leave it. Jesus also references a holding place in Luke 16:19-31. Lazarus and the Rich Man could see each other but they were some distance from one another. 1 Thessalonians 4:16-17 references the final heaven where we will be forever with the Lord. You can also read all about the final heaven in Revelation 21 and 22.

Well, guess I'd better get to the laundry. I hope you are doing well. We miss you! Love, Natalie

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To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

Date: 2/21/2025 12:37:52 PM EST, Letter ID: 2243613902

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Hi Natalie!

When you text Madison next,

please tell her I sent her an email invitation around Feb 7th or so. Thank you. And I wanted to tell you I am rereading parts of 'the Case for Christ' by Lee Strobel that you sent. It is a lot of facts. Hard to remember them all to be able to tell others about. Hope you are well.

It miserable. Going to get a cough drop you all bought for me. Thank you for buying the

hot instant(freeze dried) coffee, several \$3 copays to the infirmary

to see the nurses and a couple to see the Health care Provider(nurse practitioner) and a couple new t-shirts. These are much appreciated. You all stay warm and take care. I love ya'll. Please get Madison to hook up her email emessaging so I can send her emails too. Okay, One more thing. What does a Hawaiian woman and a cow have in common?????????

They both have a moo mool hahahaha! You have a good day Natalie. (Historians have the evidence that says, No matter what skeptics say, they can never get past the empty tomb and the fact that Jesus was seen alive by several hundred people after the tomb was proven empty. Hallelujah!!!)

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To : GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Date: 2/24/2025 11:51:04 AM EST, Letter ID: 2245445366

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05
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Got your email

I am so sorry that you are having such a difficult winter. Glad the money is helping. I will send you more this week. Also, I will tell Madison but don't know if it will do any good or not. We have been in contact some this week because they needed wood to get through the horrible cold we had last week. She had located someone and had purchased 1 rick but it wasn't enough. I think she is trying, it is just a lot to keep up with while trying to live your life. I don't know how much information you get from them but Linda is supposed to get her dentures this week. That is such a blessing for them. Mom has been driving Linda to work as they are having car issues again.

I had sent you a Bible study on Heaven written by David Jeremiah and for some reason the prison returned it to the publisher. Sorry, I thought you would enjoy it. Will try to send you something else.

Your joke was funny! Glad you can keep your spirits up. Did they keep the prison fairly warm for you guys last week? While it was cold you know that I absolutely love the snow and Kevin and Archie do too. It was so pretty and things slow down. We were able to walk in our neighborhood without worrying about cars (or, in our neck of the woods, the big pickups that I call "Big Ass Pickups.") I know that isn't very nice to say, but they are large, take up too much space in parking lots, are always in the way (college kids live 6+ to a house and park their cars on the street), and they always drive too fast. Also, most of them have Texas license plates. If you see an expensive car around here (New Jeeps, large pickups, Land Rovers, BMWs, Mercedes, etc) they almost always have Texas tags. As an old-time Arkansan I am offended by them.

Well, I need to get around. I am praying for you to recover from your illness. Lung issues are horrible, I know, we both struggle with asthma. Love you!

Natalie

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To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

Date: 2/28/2025 12:12:16 PM EST, Letter ID: 2250393529

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

In the Garden

Hi Natalie! Are you using your CPAP? Go to the Cpap medical supply and get the most comfortable mask and headgear you can find. That helps. Also, I cannot stand the hose being on my head. So I've unlaced the hose from the head gear and just have it loosely across my chest or along my side. I toss and turn a lot and very fast when I turn on and off my side(s) in my sleep. So I have my machine where it won't fall or be damaged in case I tug the hose while flipping over on my side. Also, trick to using the clap is find a way to keep your nasal passages from being swollen or stopped up as we have problems with. Flonase nasal spray is the most effective for me and it is safe and on the store shelf without a prescription. Originally Dr. Howard prescribed it to me. But now it doesn't have to have a Dr. script. When sick with a cold or sinus problems at home I used the flonase during the day and opened my nasal that works best for you. The moisturizer at bedtime. And it has to be the type passages with work for me. Only the original or one of the other variations helped of which I forgot which one now. But do not use the afrin for me than a couple of weeks or it will hurt your nasal and cause worse problems. Most important is change your clap filter. Change your clap filter. Change your filter often. And clean your hose and mask every few days. Also important, do not use any left over distilled water in the humidifier. The water has to be dumped out if there is any left in the reservoir after sleeping. Put NEW water in it each night or before sleeping and change it out the next day. Try to never use tap water or filtered water but only distilled. If you have to use filtered once in a while won't hurt. But be sure to get rid of it and replace with distilled. Anyway, that's my 2¢ for now on the clap. I hope it helps you. Just get as comfortable a mask and lightweight as can be. Featherweight. I use the 'Wisp'. Love you gtg

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From : Grant Hardin, ID: 168541

To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

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Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

In the Garden II

haha I started the last emessage with, 'In the Garden'. And then all I talked about was the cpap. I meant to tell you about listening to John Prine and Mac Wiseman sing the hymn 'In the Garden.' They have a piano for accompaniment. I can close my eyes and hear you playing that on the piano. God gives us comforts with things like this. I am thankful. "And the voice I hear, falling on my ear, the Son of God discloses. And He walks with me and He talks with me. And He tells me I am His own. The joy we share as we tarry there none other has ever known." It's just beautiful I tell you. Do you still play? How about "the Old Rugged Cross?" Those are most beautiful on the piano. Well, that is all. I ran out of room on the previous emessage. So I wanted to finish up what I had intended to say about the hymn and the talent God gave to you with music and the piano. It's a beautiful and precious thing.

I hope and pray you have a good day. Talk to you later Natalie.

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From: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

To : GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Date: 2/28/2025 12:45:26 PM EST, Letter ID: 2250412936

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

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Thanks!

Wow, I can tell that you know your CPAP! Thanks for the advice. Do you know why you have to dump any leftover water? It seems like such a waste. I don't know what mask I use. It covers my nose, at first I tried to use the full face mask and I felt like I was suffocating all the time! Do they let you clean your CPAP? I would think that it might be hard to keep up with the supplies and all. I go see my dr. next week and am afraid that I am going to get in trouble for not wearing it more.

I hope you are able to get out and enjoy the sun this week! I love winter but the sunshine and warmer temperatures have lightened my mood a lot. I washed the car yesterday, it was covered with a shell of grime.

We are looking forward to Razorback baseball and softball. They are still playing preseason games (and, therefore are winning them). The SEC is going to be tough for both men and women, especially since we have added Oklahoma and Texas to the conference.

Thanks again for the advice.

Later! Natalie

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To : GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Date: 3/5/2025 12:17:34 PM EST, Letter ID: 2254350085

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

New Sweats Coming Your Way!

Hi Grant!

I just added \$20 to your commissary from Linda. She has been wanting to give you the money to buy sweats. I hope it isn't too late, if so maybe you can find something else. I took mom to have a tooth pulled yesterday and Linda brought the money down to the house for me to send you.

Mom's extraction went very smoothly and she said that she had scrambled eggs for breakfast today with little pain. I also got to eat lunch with Daddy yesterday. Walmart pharmacy never has the prescriptions ready when we stop by after the doctors so we have to wait around or come back later to pick them up. I asked the guy if they couldn't move it up the list because we were standing in front of him and he said they couldn't "put a critical tag on it." Ah, life's little annoyances. I actually kind of enjoy being alone with DAddy for a little while like that because he gets to share things about his past. Yesterday he was telling me about some distant relatives (I can't remember their names!) who lived in Texas. One of them played football for Baylor University, then switched to the shot put where he was second to another player on the team who held the world record on the shot put. I won't say my rendition is necessarily accurate, it is hard to follow sometimes, but I find those kinds of things interesting. I know even less about his family than I do moms.

Speaking of mom's side of the family, Jaleta and I are debating each other over Trump. I know that you are a Trump supporter so I won't get into it. We exchanged a few facebook comments (nothing nasty). I have said what I wanted to say so I am finished. However, it always amazes me that when Trump does something asinine like attack another country's leader in an ambush on live tv, Trump supporters go to extreme lengths to write up multi-paragraph essays on why Trump is "in the right." It seems like if he is innocent he shouldn't need his supporters to create massive explanations for his actions. Ok, I did get into it, but really!

I don't play the piano much anymore. Last week I did sit down and play a few hymns. I also like the oldies, the words are so spot on. Glad you could enjoy that and it is awesome to see God at work in places like prisons.

Well, I hope you can get the sweats that you wanted. Talk to you soon! Love, Natalie

Grant Hardin 168541 09330 Building: ADSection: C_NCell:CU-B ID:2259144450 [P 1/1]

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Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Please her Madison to send me an emessage. I.'m sick again same upper respiratory congestion and stuff. Pray I get well. I've had this on and off and on since last August. Hope you are well.

GRANT HARDIN 168541 09330 Building: ADSection: C_NCell:CU-B ID:2259679013 [P 1/1]

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Letter ID: 2259679013 Date: 3/12/2025 12:12:18 PM EST,

Location: 09330

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So sorry to hear that you are still struggling. It's like you can't kick the bug that's causing it. Have you seen an actual doctor? I will be praying for

I have given Madison all of the information and encouraged her to contact you. She has a lot going on right now though. I don't know how much information you are getting but she is without a car again and is temporarily living with a friend in Rogers so that she can get to work. She started a new job (full time) at the church's preschool. That's really all that I know. With all of that going on it's no wonder that she hasn't been in contact with you. On a positive note, Linda is very excited to have teeth again, she received her dentures yesterday.

I don't remember if I told you that Kevin's older brother Michael died in November. He was diagnosed with a form of dementia and then was dead within 2 months. His daughter is having the memorial service this weekend in Washington state and we are headed out there. I am not looking forward to the trip but it will be good for the family for us to come. Lacretia (Kevin's mom) is too frail to make the trip. We hope to drive up Mt. Rainier or something while we are there. Kevin has to be back for class next week.

I had lunch with mom and dad Monday after dad's eye appointment. He said they said it was some improved from last time. He is getting so unsteady on his feet. I want to buy him a walking stick (wooden one or a nice cane) but am not sure that he would use it and I don't want to hurt his feelings either.

Hope you feel better soon! Natalie

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To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

Date: 3/28/2025 11:43:57 PM EST, Letter ID: 2272530467

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

www.scholarchipsfund.org

Please have Madison go to this ScholarCHIPS for children of incarcerated parents and try to apply before April 15 deadline. Maybe it will help her with college. Please help keep her interested in college. I never get to communicate with her. Thank you. Love ya'll and miss you. I'll message more later. Thanks again.

(one is heavy and the other is a little lighter)...

Grant Hardin 168541 09330 Building: ADSection: C_NCell:CU-B ID:2284882746 [P 1/1]

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From : Grant Hardin, ID: 168541

To: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010 Date: 4/14/2025 10:01:59 PM EST, Letter ID: 2284882746

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Hi there Natalie! How's your Spring so far? We had some heavy winds and rain but sunny days for a week or so. March is over. April half done. Why does it seem like time is going so fast? Are you experiencing this too(like time is moving faster). I know that sounds like a ridiculous thing to say. .But it is actually driving me somewhat. Anyway, I'm glad you made it to Washington and back safely .Mom was so worried or concerned about you flying. I guess you'll always be her baby. She loves us. And Dad does too. Are you getting to see them much? I have been reading a book I found in the. prison library that is right in your topic of study. Or at least it touches on it somewhat. I think you'd like it. It is called, "The March Of Folly(From Troy to Vietnam)", by Barbara W. Tucuman. A third of the book deals with the Roman Catholic Church in the middle ages and so on.

Been keeping up some with the #1 College baseball team in the nation this year (Razorbacks). Are you taking Dad and Madison to any games this season. They both loved it when you did that. I'm not sure I ever saw their new baseball stadium have I? Are you doing a lot for .Easter? I hope you are all well. God bless you. Have a good week. Do you remember our basketball goal and dirt court? Or the grass clumps before we beat them down with the basketball and grossing over them playing? I am thinking about challenging you and Hope and Dad to a game of

HORSE. haha love you. ttyl (that's 'talk to you later').

GRANT HARDIN 168541 09330 Building: ADSection: C_NCell:CU-B ID:2290258946 [P 1/1]

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From: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

: GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Letter ID: 2290258946 Date: 4/21/2025 3:53:02 PM EST,

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05 pre-paid stamp included

It is Spring!

Hil It was good to hear from you. Yes, we have had lots of rain accompanied by nice weather but the pollen has been so bad that I haven't gone out to get all the projects done that need to be done. Kevin grilled our dinner the other night and complained that he didn't have any place to sit down without sitting in a pile of pollen. I am waiting for the trees to finish pollinating before I get out and clean things off. Kevin has been very busy at work and is trying to work in the yard but getting rain on the weekends is making it difficult.

I have a new cookie recipe, it's for snickerdoodles. Do you like them? Kevin's brother Michael's son Cody supposedly makes the best snickerdoodles so I asked him for his recipe. They actually turned out really well. Almost as good as the cookies and B & B BBQ (remember them, on the curve in Fayetteville?).

We took Linda out for her birthday. She was in good spirits. Of course, deciding on a restaurant was an ordeal. Mom, Dad, Kevin and I planned to take her out after church. You know how mom is with where to eat, it doesn't matter what you say, she already has in her mind where she wants to go and if you don't choose that place you are going to hear about it. Anyway, we didn't want to go to Cracker Barrel because there is always a wait on Sundays after church. Mom suggested USA Cafe (her latest favorite). It is good, but it is a diner, located in the former revenue office on Olive Street, close to Moberly Lane. I suggested Colton's and so we planned to meet there. Well, Kevin and I picked up Linda and before we got to the restaurant mom called and said Colton's was closed. So I just said let's go to USA Cafe. "Well, I don't think you all like the food very much there" she said. That brought up other suggestions which of course all had something wrong with them, "but wherever you all want to eat..." UGH. Once we got to USA we had to wait on a table so the whole time we were there she was saying "We've never had to wait before, do they have any tables big enough?, we can go somewhere else..." I was so annoyed. It did get better and the food was good. Don't you miss family get-togethers? (ha, ha!)

Of course I remember that basketball goal! I spent a lot of time out there. I even have a scar on my knee where I climbed through the barbed wire fence to go get the ball. I'm not sure that any of us would be any good at horse nowadays. We have a goal and a few years ago I tried to shoot and was dismayed at how little strength I had. Do you guys have a goal there?

Barbara Tuchman is an excellent writer. She isn't a trained historian but her works are very historically accurate (she does her research). I haven't read that one, sounds like it would be right up my alley. I did read the one she wrote about the end of WWI. I can't remember the name of it. If your library doesn't have it let me know and I will order it for you. Yes, that stuff is very exciting to me!

Yes, time flies the older you get. I can't believe that April is almost over! I have often wondered why that is the case. When you are a kid you don't have anything to compare it to and time seems to drag. Once you get older, though, you blink and you are 60!

Well, I had better get around and get some work done. There are lots of weeds to pull and fertilizer to be spread and decks to be cleaned.... You know me, I have to get them done before the weather gets hot. Once the weather gets hot I stay indoors under the air conditioning!

I think we are coming to see you May 3, that's the tentative date anyway. I hope you are doing well, over your sinus infections, etc. I love you!

Natalie

GRANT HARDIN 168541 09330 Building: ADSection: C_NCell:CU-B ID:2313777913 [P 1/2]

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From: Natalie Hall, CustomerID: 31760010

: GRANT HARDIN, ID: 168541

Letter ID: 2313777913 Date: 5/20/2025 2:17:13 PM EST,

Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Rain, rain, rain!

Hi Grant! I hope you are doing well. Kevin and I are headed to Boston and then up the Maine coast this week. It has been a difficult semester for Kevin and he is counting the hours until we leave. We have a good dog sitter right now which makes it easier to leave. My foot is still sore and I have to rest it more than I would like, but it is sooo much better than it was. I hated to miss our visit and am thankful that Mom is still able to drive and made it safely. I don't think Kevin would be able to forgive me if I caused us to miss our vacation. I'm sure you would love to go on vacation too--where would you go if you could?

I received the letter to Madison but haven't seen her. She didn't come to Linda's birthday lunch. I will hang onto it and maybe we can get together when I get back from Maine.

We had a scary storm pass by last night. It hit Greenland pretty hard but thankfully missed us. It's hard to not feel guilty that we escaped getting hit by a tornado again. You feel so bad for the people who lost their homes, especially when they live only a few miles away from you. Did you guys get any of the tornadoes this spring?

I have included a picture of a fountain that I created. It is a solar fountain (the small pump runs on solar power). I found the idea on Amazon. The bottom pot has flowers around the rim and the smaller pot with water in it sits in the middle. My water pot doesn't seem to be watertight so I am having the add about 2 gallons of water a day. I may try to waterproof it later.

Our Razorbacks have done really well this spring. The SEC players of the year are both from Arkansas. Bri Ellis for the women and Wuhiya Aloy for the men. The women won the first round of their nota tournament and are hosting a regional this weekend. They are really fun to watch because they never give up. The men finished the season well and start SEC tournament play this weekend. We have 3 Hawaiians on our men's team, a guy from Australia, and another from Canada. The fans enjoy wearing Hawaiian shirts and leis. 2 of the Hawaiians are brothers, last name Aloy (I can't spell their first names-Wuhiya and ?).

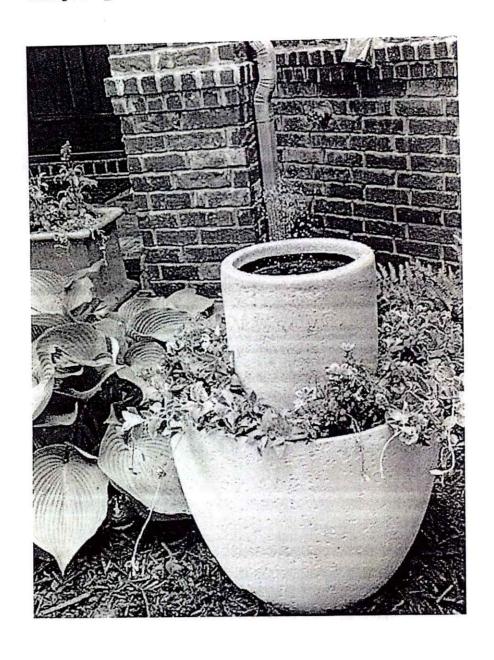
Well, I need to get some things done. I hope you are well and am sure that I will see you sometime in June. Hang in there!

Love. Natalie

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Location: 09330

Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Hi there Sissy! How is your foot? I hope you are feeling better. I sure missed getting to see you when Mom and Dad came to visit last week or so. They did surprise me though. I walked around the corner and there was Linda to visit me too. She was cordial and glad to see Me too. (why this tablet insists on capitalizing the word 'me' in the previous sentence is beyond 'me'?) haha maybe fumble fingers on my part. pray for you and Kevin and family every day and at night. So I know He is looking out for you all. You are going to be okay.

Really I meant to just send you a quick note about this old book 'The March of FOLLY', by Tuchman. Although I believe the author to be an atheist among other things, the book is a real eye opener to me. It is dry and hard to read through yet informative. In my mind I can relate more of what sort of things probably went on during Israel's and

Judah's days before Christ(political decisions w/the religious government leaders etc.).

I hope you all are well and your foot is feeling better. If you talk to Madison have her contact me via email or a letter. Have a good week.(PS. I am giving up on the Razorbacks baseball for now)

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Housing: ADC_NCU-BK05

Hey Natalie. That fountain is cool! That is one of the neatest ideas I've ever seen. I bet Mom and Dad would like to see that. And I know Linda would love it. How'd you come up with that?

I used to like messing with Madison's and Linda's Reef tank/aquarium. Although I never could get it right and

grow the coral. And it turned out to be too expensive. But it was fun to mess with.

I hope you had a good Birthday this year. I am glad you all got to go on your vacation. It sounds like a really neat

Thanks for the picture. God bless you. And thanks for keeping in touch.

Mike McNeill

From:

Candice Seay (DOC)

Sent:

Tuesday, June 17, 2025 10:40 AM

To:

Mike McNeill

Subject:

Food service Inmate Work Roster

Attachments:

NCU Food Service Inmate Work Roster for May 25, 2025.pdf

Thank you,

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Division of Corrections

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NCU Food Service Inmate Work Roster for:			Sunday, May 25, 2025			Total Inmates 46		
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/	JONES, DAVIS	143346	Friday	Saturday	Baker	В	14-40	
OFF	PERRY, MARCUS RA	652613D	Sunday	Monday	Baker	В	05-23L	
\	SATTERFIELD, GREG	182792	Wednesday	Thursday	Baker	W	774-13	
7.535	VAUGHN, CHRISTOP	182357	Wednesday	Thursday	Beverage Room	В	05-24	
OFF	KRUMM, LEE A	176573	Saturday	Sunday	Clean Up Crew	W	05-39	
V,	COOPER, JOSHUA A	161191	Monday	Tuesday	Clean/Line	W	05-49L	
V	GUENTHER, NEIL	182648	Wednesday	Thursday	Clean/Line	W	05-09	
OFF	HERNANDEZ-MORA,	183617	Saturday	Sunday	Clean/Line	Н	14-35	
V	KING, CHAD ALLEN	660571	Thursday	Friday	Clean/Line	W	05-35	
OFF	MCCOY, EMIL	185300	Sunday	Monday	Clean/Line	В	05-18	
/	MORGAN, MICHAEL	137123	Thursday	Friday	Clean/Line	W	05-63L	
1/	UMANZOR, ALVAREZ	180913	Tuesday	- Wednesday	Clean/Line	Н	05-45L	school am
V	BUTLER, HOWARD	178318	Friday	Saturday	Cook	W	14-32	
OFF	DILL, TIMOTHY GENE	173421	. Sunday	Monday	Cook	W	05-60L	
OFF	HELFER, MICHAEL D	173116	Sunday	Monday	Cook	W	05-54L	
/	JONES, JUSTIN A	181689	Friday	Saturday	Cook	W	14-53	
OFF	SNOOKS, MATTHEW	185672	Sunday	Monday	Cook	W	05-13	
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/	HENSLEY,SAMUEL	186599			Dish/Clean	W	08-15L	
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1	VANCE, MYRON	186249	Friday	Saturday	Dish/Clean	В	14-08	
V	WILLARD, BRANDON	166976	Thursday	Friday	Dish/Clean	W	05-37L	
OFF	HUNTER, TRISTIN	184198	Saturday	Sunday	Dock		05-59	
VI	ANDERSON, BOBBY	143312	•		Dry Storage Port	W	05-50L	
V	LAIN, GARY WAYNE	177870	Friday	Saturday	Floors/Walls	W	05-61L	
OFF	MELVARD, JERRY PA	183868	Sunday	Monday	Floors/Walls	W	11-01	
1	MORTON, DESHAUN	184825		(4)	Freezer Porter	В	05-10B	
✓	HARDIN, GRANT M.	168541	Thursday	Friday	Janitor Porter	W	05-05L	
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	LUTE, JEREMY RAY	158779		Saturday	O.D.R.	W	05-56L	9
X	WARD, SVEN SCOTT	127219		(44.0)	O.D.R.	В	14-05	
-OFF	BAHENA, SERAFIN R	180702	Sunday		ODR	Н	05-66	
	PHILLIPS, GREG D.	510289			Office Clerk	W	05-62L	
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	HERNANDEZ, SRAEL	185277	Monday	Tuesday	Pots & Pans	Н	11-45B	
OFF	RICE, MITCHELL	176837	Saturday	Sunday	Pots & Pans Port	W	05-32L	35
OFF	DEMEYER, KIRK K.	145752	Saturday	Sunday	Pots & Pans Scr	W	06-20L	
OFF	KENDRICK, JEFFREY	159535	Saturday	Sunday	Pots & Pans Scr	W	05-10A	
	MICHAUD, SEAN ALL	136072			Pots & Pans Scr	W	07-10	
	DECLUE, CHARLES	186159	Tuesday	Wednesday	Rover	W	04-37L	Pals Student
X/	FAIRLESS, KYLE W	185065	Wednesday	Thursday	Rover	W	14-09	
V	MCKELLER, TYLER R	176406			Rover	W	07-40L	
OFF	Taylor, Dillon Dewayn	183785	Sunday	Monday	Rover	W	05-36L	
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INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT ASP-2025-0704/2

Report Date: 06/14/2025

Primary Information

Description: PHOTOGRAPHY LOG
Dissemination Code: SYSTEM WIDE ACCESS

Reporting LEO: MCNEILL, MIKE (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS / ARKANSAS STATE POLICE)

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PHOTOGRAPHY LOG

On June 11, 2025, at approximately 10:45 AM, I, Special Agent Mike McNeill, responded to the North Central Unit (NCU) of the Arkansas Department of Corrections, located in Calico Rock, Arkansas, to conduct an examination of garments and other physical evidence associated with the escape and subsequent capture of Inmate Grant Hardin. These items were collected and preserved by NCU staff as part of their internal investigation.

Sgt. Kevin Wyatt, identified as the designated evidence custodian for NCU, transported the evidence from a secured location within the NCU to an administrative office near the main entrance of the facility. This location served as the designated space for the examination and photographic documentation of the evidence.

I took the photos utilizing my State Police issued Nikon D5500/digital camera. The photographs have been made attachments to this report.

- MM P-1 Depicts a view black rubber boots which are kept in the NCU chemical room. The noted boots showed to have cutting to the top rim of the boot.
- MM P-2 Depicts a close-up view of the black rubber boots, showing the cutting to the top rim of the boot.
- MM P-3 Depicts a view of inmate Grant Hardin's state issued brown leather boots which he had on at the time of his capture.
- MM P-4 Depicts a view of what appears to be the cutout of an inmate uniform waste band dyed black.
- MM P-5 Depicts a view of several items collected by NCU staff during their investigation. Evidence custodian Sgt. Wyatt informed me that all of these items were collected from the NCU chemical room. (8) black sharpies, (1) white sharpie, mop string, corrections decal, made in USA tag, brown piece of cardboard, black rectangle cardboard, red squirt bottle top, small piece of neoprene black, black rubber piece from boot, yellow measuring tape.
- MM P-6 Depicts a close-up view of (8) black sharpies, (1) white sharpie, mop string, corrections decal, made in USA tag, brown piece of cardboard, black rectangle cardboard, red squirt bottle top, small piece of neoprene black, black rubber piece from boot, yellow measuring tape,
- MM P-7 Depicts a view of Arkansas maps and pieces of cardboard which was located in Hardin's property in 5 barracks.
- MM P-8 Depicts a close-up view of Arkansas maps.

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- MM P-9 Depicts a view of cardboard found in Hardin's property.
- MM P-10 Depicts a view of cardboard found in Hardin's property.
- MM P-11 Depicts a view of cardboard found in Hardin's property.
- MM P-12 Depicts a close-up view of the map found in Hardin's property. This item is considered to be contraband by NCU.
- MM P-13 Depicts a close-up view of the map found in Hardin's property. This item is considered to be contraband by NCU.
- MM P-14 Depicts a close-up view of the map found in Hardin's property. This item is considered to be contraband by NCU and appears to have a date on the lower right hand corner of November 14, 2017. It should be noted that Information observed on the Arkansas Department of Corrections webpage indicates that inmate Hardin completed the Ouachita River Correction Unit New Commitment on December 20, 2017.
- MM P-15 Depicts a view of inmate Hardin's state issued uniform top which he concealed under a shelf in the chemical room.
- MM P-16 Depicts a view of the front of inmate Hardin's state issued uniform pant which he concealed under a shelf in the chemical room.
- MM P-17 Depicts a view of the back of inmate Hardin's state issued uniform pant which he concealed under a shelf in the chemical room.
- MM P-18 Depicts a view of a NCU chain of custody document stapled to a brown bag which contained garments found by Border Patrol near Hardin's capture.
- MM P-19 Depicts a view of a NCU confiscated document stapled to a brown bag which contained garments found by Border Patrol near Hardin's capture.
- MM P-20 Depicts a view of a T-shirt, front side.
- MM P-21 Depicts a view of a T-shirt, back side with "POLICE" stenciled.
- MM P-22 Depicts a view of a jacket, It is believed that Hardin found this jacket while in the woods.
- MM P-23 Depicts a view of inmate Hardin's ADC issued I.D.

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- MM P-24 Depicts a view of inmate Hardin's ADC issued I.D., locker key and an NCU medical restrictions document.
- MM P-25 Depicts a close-up view of inmate Hardin's ADC issued I.D. and locker key.
- MM P-26 Depicts a view of a NCU chain of custody document stapled to a brown bag which contained garments Hardin had on at time of capture.
- MM P-27 Depicts a view of a NCU confiscated document stapled to a brown bag which contained garments Hardin had on at time of capture.
- MM P-28 Depicts a close-up view of a NCU confiscated document stapled to a brown bag which contained garments Hardin had on at time of capture.
- MM P-29 Depicts a view of the front of inmate Hardin's inmate uniform pant which he dyed black.
- MM P-30 Depicts a view of the back of inmate Hardin's inmate uniform pant which he dyed black.
- MM P-31 Depicts a view of the back of inmate Hardin's inmate uniform pant which he dyed black. The name patch removed.
- MM P-32 Depicts a view of a T-shirt, front side.
- MM P-33 Depicts a view of a T-shirt, back side.
- MM P-34 Depicts a view of state issued boxers dyed black.
- MM P-35 Depicts a view of Hardin's wrist watch he had on at the time of his capture.
- MM P-36 Depicts a view of the make shift badge Hardin made along with I.D.
- MM P-37 Depicts a close-up view of the make shift badge Hardin made.
- MM P-38 Depicts a close-up view of the back side of the make shift badge Hardin made.
- MM P-39 Depicts a close-up view of the make shift I.D. badge Hardin made.
- MM P-40 Depicts a close-up view of the backside of the make shift I.D. badge Hardin made.
- MM P-41 Depicts a close-up view of the make shift I.D. badge Hardin made.

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MM P-42 Depicts a view of the make shift badge and I.D. Hardin made.

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MM P-44 Depicts a close-up view of the wooden pallet ladder Hardin had on the cart as he escaped through the two (2) secured gates of the NCU.

MM P-45 Depicts a close-up view of the wooden pallet ladder Hardin had on the cart as he escaped through the two (2) secured gates of the NCU.

MM P-46 Depicts a close-up view of the wooden pallet ladder Hardin had on the cart as he escaped through the two (2) secured gates of the NCU. Over length of this ladder showed to be approximately 10 feet.

MM P-47 Depicts a close-up view of the wooden pallet ladder Hardin had on the cart as he escaped through the two (2) secured gates of the NCU. Over length of this ladder showed to be approximately 8 feet.

All photographs were taken with my State Police digital camera. The photographs will be uploaded to the master file and attached to this investigative supplement.

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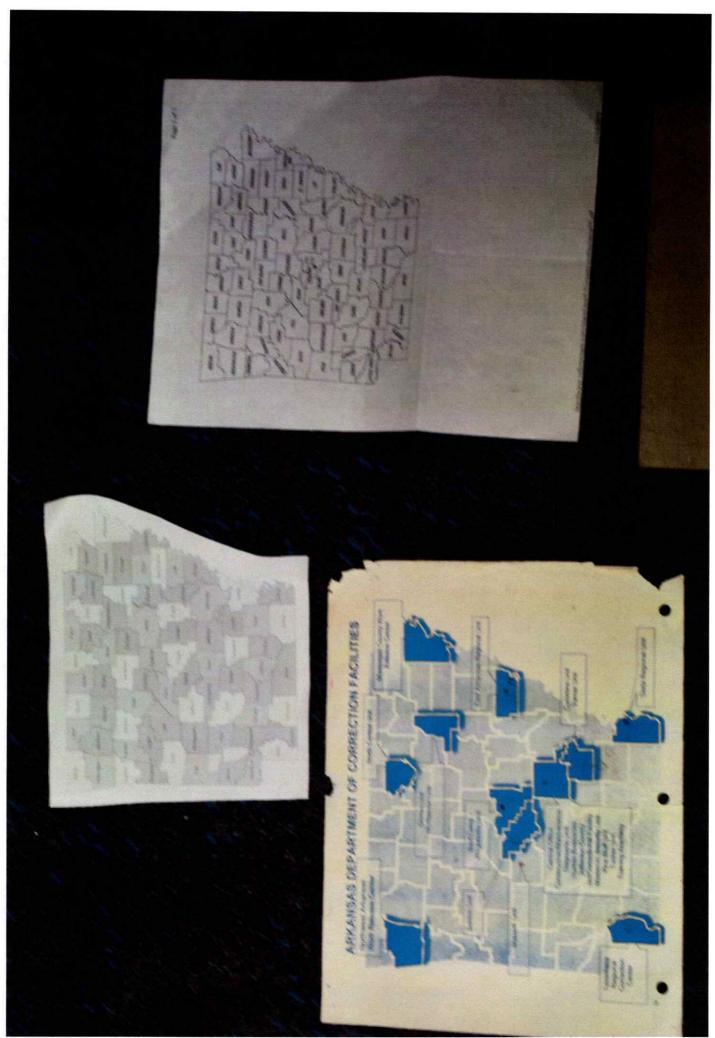
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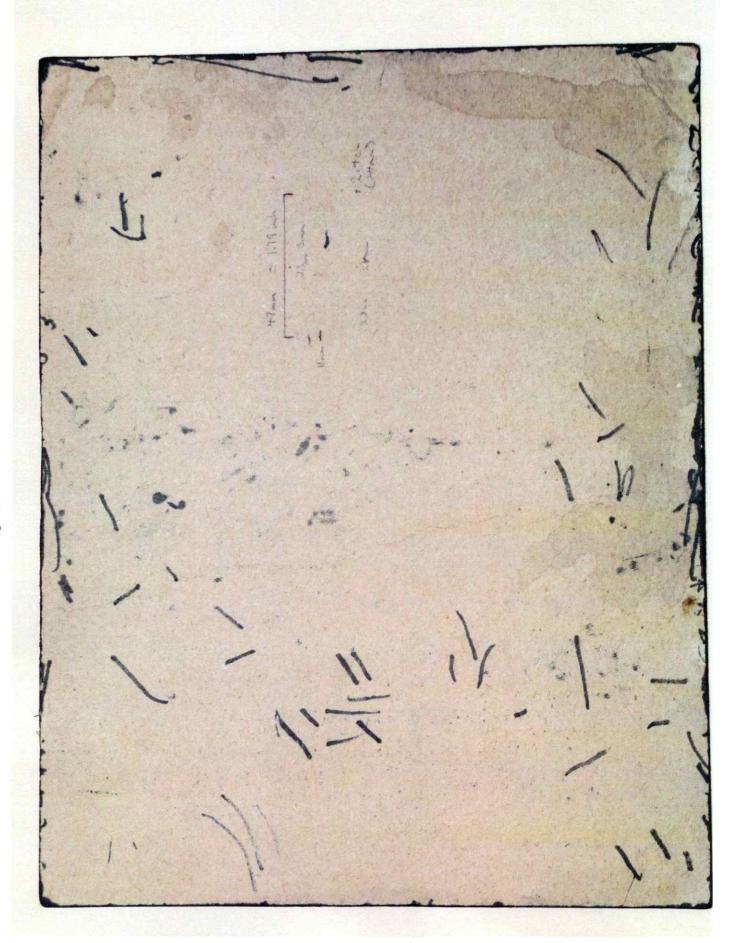


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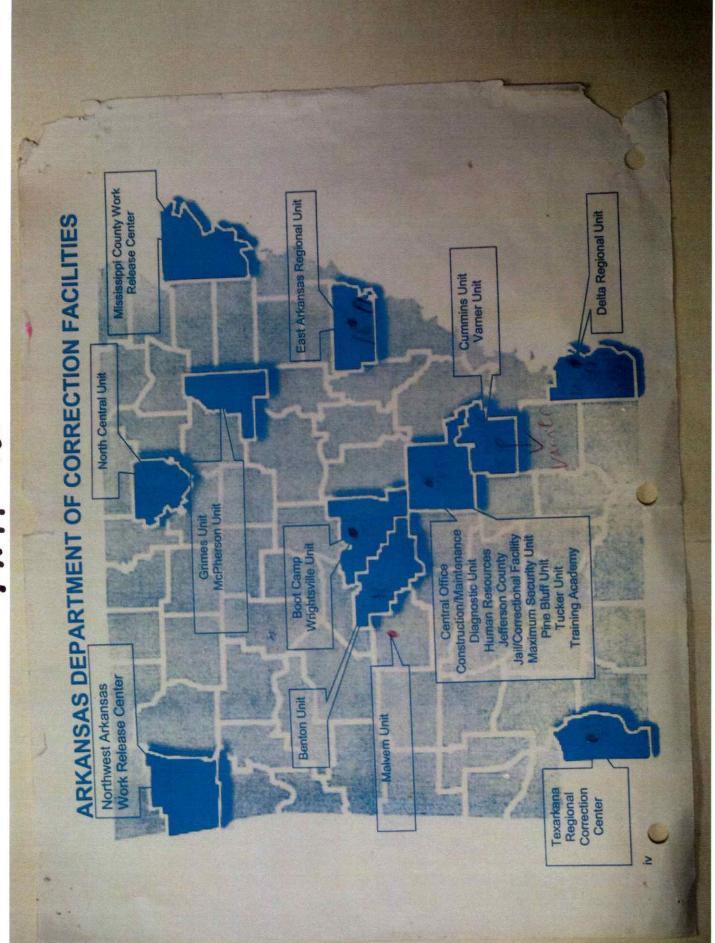
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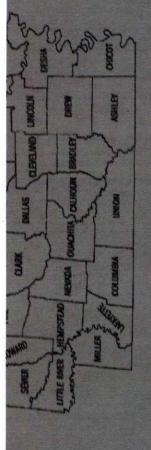












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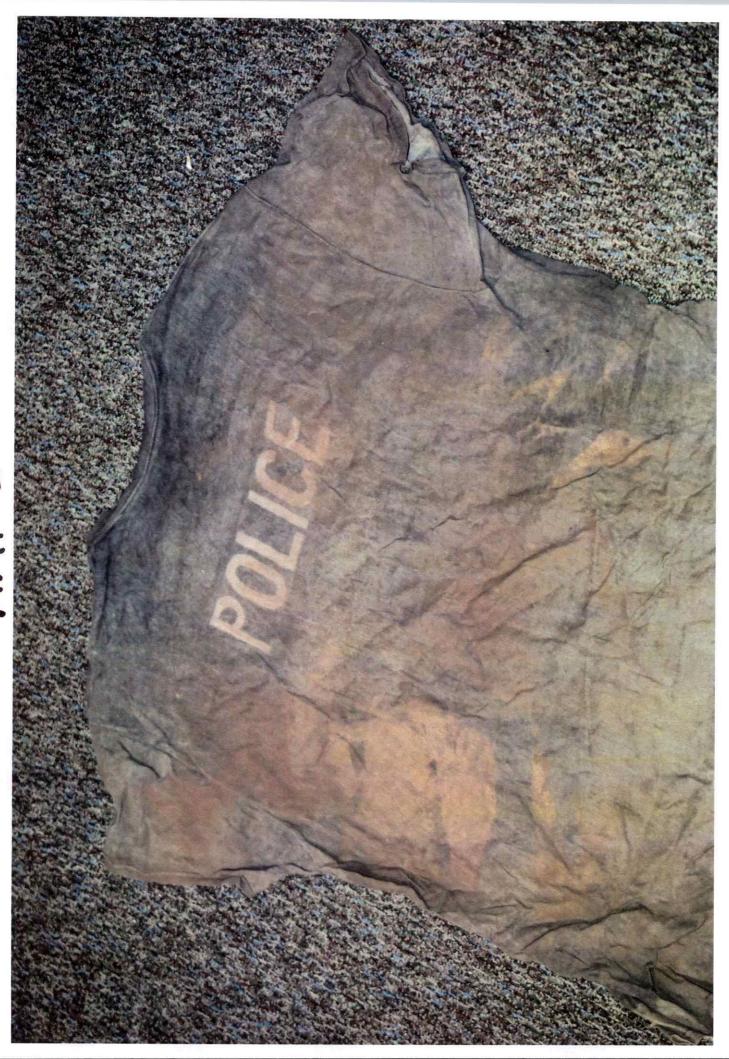
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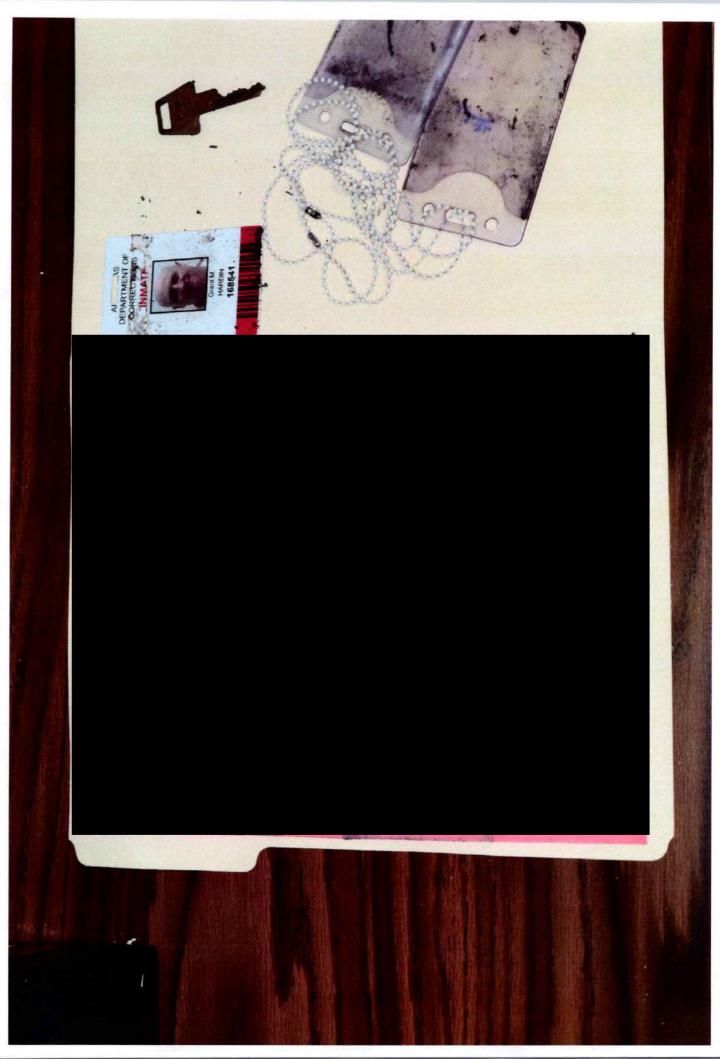
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INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT ASP-2025-0704/3

Report Date: 06/16/2025

Primary Information

Description: INTERVIEW OF NCU GAURD LT. ROBERT CROSS

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INTERVIEW OF WITNESS

On June 11, 2025, at approximately 12:10 PM, I conducted an interview with North Central Unit Lt. Robert Cross. The interview was audio recorded for documentation purposes. The contact number for Mr. Cross is Prior to the interview, Lieutenant Robert Cross provided me with two (2) discs containing surveillance footage from the North Central Unit (NCU) camera system, recorded on May 25, 2025. An ASP-2A evidence transfer form was completed and signed by both Lt. Cross and myself. This form will be included in the investigative file. The video footage provided will be retained as part of the investigative hard file and will not be uploaded to the Records Management System (RMS).

Below is a summarized version of the interview, not intended to be a verbatim account but capturing the key points of discussion:

Lieutenant Robert Cross has been employed by the North Central Unit (NCU) for approximately twelve (12) years. Among his duties, Lt. Cross serves as the Emergency Preparedness Coordinator for the facility. It is noted that Lt. Cross was not on duty on May 25, 2025, the date of Inmate Grant Hardin's escape.

According to Lt. Cross, it is not uncommon for a tower guard to open a secured perimeter gate without prior verbal communication from the individual seeking to exit. He explained that standard procedure requires the tower guard to step out onto the catwalk, make a visual identification of the individual, and, upon confirming the person is authorized to leave, activate the gate mechanism. All tower guards are issued two-way radios at the start of each shift to facilitate communication.

Lt. Cross confirmed that Inmate Hardin was classified as a Level I-C inmate at the time of his escape. He advised that although Hardin originally entered the facility as a Class II inmate, he was subsequently promoted to I-C status as a result of consistent rule compliance. Due to the nature of Hardin's underlying convictions—specifically, Murder and Rape—this classification (I-C) is the highest level of trust or privilege he would have been eligible to attain under Arkansas Department of Corrections (ADC) policy. A copy of the relevant ADC Administrative Directive governing inmate classification and promotion procedures will be included in the investigative file.

Lt. Cross also stated that the cart used by Hardin during his escape contained wooden pallets that Hardin could have used as a makeshift ladder. The box seen on the cart was also found, however it was empty.

With respect to technology oversight, Lt. Cross confirmed that the NCU Tablet Program is actively monitored in real time. All electronic messaging conducted via immate tablets is subject to approval or denial by staff. Inmate phone calls are monitored with similar oversight. Every feature accessible through the tablet program is subject to review and is tightly regulated by facility personnel.

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Finally, while Lt. Cross has not personally worked with Correctional Officer William Walker, he indicated that, to his knowledge, Officer Walker has been employed at the NCU for approximately five (5) years. Lt. Cross believes that during this time, Officer Walker should have had extensive experience of performing tower guard duties.

The interview with Lt. Robert Cross concluded at approximately 12:40 PM. The interview will be made a part of the investigative file.

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ADMINISTRATIVE DIRECTIVE

SUBJECT: Class Status and Promotion Eligibility

NUMBER: 18-01 SUPERSEDES: 17-27

APPLICABILITY: Staff and Inmates

REFERENCE: AR 802 Classification of Offenders PAGE: 1 of 7

APPROVED: Original Signed by Wendy Kelley EFFECTIVE DATE: 01/16/18

I. POLICY:

It shall be the policy of the Arkansas Department of Correction (ADC) to place inmates in a class status that is commensurate with custody considerations and programmatic goals, establishing criteria for class promotion, reclassification and/or restoration of good time.

II. PURPOSE:

This policy defines who is eligible for various classifications, what is required for class promotion, reclassification, and restoration of lost good time. Inmates are not to be denied class promotion opportunities due to job availability. Note that meritorious good time is governed by a separate Administrative Directive.

III. DEFINITIONS:

- A. Class I is the highest classification/class status an inmate can obtain and has subcategories of IA, IB, IC, ID, and IP.
- B. Class IA is reserved for inmates released after Boot Camp Graduation, ACC Reentry Center Resident, or that are employed in the community; either at Arkansas State Police, Arkansas Law Enforcement Training Academy, Arkansas Game & Fish, as part of a work crew approved by the Director including the Capitol, Governor's Mansion, Old State House, Veteran's

Cemetery, Dog Kennel, or through a Work Release Program¹. Inmates currently assigned Class IA are grandfathered as IA inmates. Inmates may NOT be assigned Class 1A if he/she is serving

- 1. Life without Parole;
- 2. Life unless the inmate has served at least seven (7) years with no major disciplinary in the previous five (5) years;
- 3. A sentence for kidnapping, escape, capital murder, fleeing, or a sex offense; with the exception of ACC Reentry Center Resident
- 4. Has an active detainer; or
- 5. Is under the age of twenty-five (25) year old.
- C. Class IB is reserved for inmates that are assigned to the 309 Program or assigned to jobs on Department of Correction property, but outside the unit perimeter fence; these inmates are not required to be monitored by armed security staff at all times unless they are working off ADC property. Inmates shall not be assigned IB status unless they are within ten (10) years of their TE/PE date, and otherwise qualify under criteria for Class 1A. Inmates currently assigned Class IB are grandfathered as IB inmates.
- D. Class ID is for inmates who meet IB criteria although the inmate may have more than ten (10) years to his/her TE/PE date, but shall not have had a violent/assaultive/threatening disciplinary within the last thirty-six (36) months. Class ID inmates will only be assigned jobs on ADC property and shall be under continuous and direct supervision of staff if outside the perimeter fence.
- E. Class IC is for all other inmates assigned Class 1 status, but require armed security supervision when working outside the fence. Inmates assigned Class II who have been approved for parole or transfer by the Parole Board automatically become Class IC.
- F. Class 1P is automatically assigned to an inmate upon release/transfer to Community Correction supervision.
- G. Class II is required for an inmate to be considered for restoration of lost good time, and is typically required for enrollment in a treatment program. All inmates are assigned Class II upon intake unless the inmate is being returned as the result of disciplinary action and has been reduced below Class II status.

¹ Criteria for assignment to Work Release, 309, and Boot Camp are all governed by separate policies. Criteria for ACC Reentry Center Resident Program governed by separate statute.

Inmates assigned Class II cannot work outside the fence without armed supervision.

- H. Class III status is the lowest class status that earns any good time, and would typically indicate an inmate has had behavioral problems within the Department.
- Class IV is the lowest class status indicating the inmate has been found guilty
 of disciplinary violations and is not eligible to earn any good time.
- J. Any Class assignment to Class 1 that does not meet the criteria above requires written approval of the Director or the Deputy Director for that institution.
- K. Interstate Compact inmates (800#'s) are housed for another state in the Department of Correction and cannot be awarded class IA, IB, nor ID or otherwise a class status that allows the inmate to work outside the confinements of the fence without armed supervision.

IV. PROCEDURES:

A. New Commitments and Violators

The following procedures will be utilized in determining inmates' class status upon their reception:

1. Absconders

An inmate on parole or transfer who absconds from supervision will be reduced to Class IV status on the date of abscond until return to custody (date warrant served).

- a. When the warrant is served, the inmate will be placed in the class status prior to the abscond and will remain this class until returned to ADC.
- b. An inmate who absconds supervision prior to the implementation of Class IP status, effective 12-11-90, will be returned from abscond with an upgrade to Class IP status effective on the date of return.

2. Parole/Transfer

All parole violators, with or without new time, will maintain a Class IP or transfer status until his or her return to the Department of Correction.

- a. A parole/transfer that waived his or her hearing, and class is not stipulated by the hearing officer, will remain in the present class status until received by the Arkansas Department of Correction.
- b. All parole violators will be assigned Class II upon intake to the Department of Correction.
- 3. Violators returned from Act 492 (Boot Camp) will remain in their present class status until they return to the Arkansas Department of Correction.

B. Initial Assignment

1. Inmates will remain in Class II status during their first sixty (60) days on their initial assignment unless appropriate disciplinary action has been taken.

At the end of the sixty (60) days, if the inmate's supervisor has recommended the inmate for promotion, the inmate will appear before the classification committee to be considered for job and or unit reassignment.

2. If the inmate is placed in a job other than his or her initial assignment, the inmate will be promoted to Class I status per classification guidelines.

If the inmate refuses the job and/or unit assignment, the inmate will be placed back on his or her initial assignment and will remain in Class II status until appropriately reclassified.

- 3. If there is no job available that is suitable for the inmate as determined, the inmate will be promoted to Class I and assigned to the next available opening of a specific job assignment.
 - a. The inmate will then be returned to his or her present assignment and his or her name will be placed on a list and should fill the next vacancy that occurs in that particular job.
 - b. If this act occurs, the inmate may not have to reappear before the classification committee but can simply be placed in the job by the classification officer when the opening becomes available.

C. Disciplinary Action

1. If an inmate loses his or her job as a result of disciplinary action and is returned to an initial assignment and then regains Class II status and

receives a promotion recommendation from the supervisor, the inmate can be placed in the job but may have to wait thirty (30) days before becoming eligible for Class I unless the job assignment is a Class IA or IB.

2. If the inmate subsequently loses that job due to disciplinary action again, the next time the inmate is placed in the job after regaining Class II the inmate may have to wait sixty (60) days before becoming eligible for Class I. (The classification committee may add thirty (30) day increments each time the inmate loses a job because of disciplinary action.)

D. Administrative Reductions

- 1. If an inmate is on his/her initial assignment and is recommended for a particular unavailable job and is subsequently promoted to Class I, and the inmate refuses to accept the job when it becomes available, then that inmate can be administratively reduced to Class II and remain on the initial assignment.
- 2. If an inmate is transferred from ACC to ADC as a 1B, he/she will be administratively reduced to a 1C upon intake to ADC. If the inmate is transferred due to disciplinary reasons, the inmate will remain at the reduced classification assigned by ACC until he/she can earn class pursuant to ADC policies.

E. Released Inmates

Parolees/Transferees: When an inmate is granted parole or transfer by the Parole Board, the inmate will automatically be placed, in Class IC status (unless the inmate is already in IA or IB status) while he/she remains incarcerated. Upon release/transfer to Community Correction supervision, the inmate will automatically be placed in IP status.

- F. To appear before the Classification Committee for promotion, reclassification and/or restoration of lost good time, an inmate must have a favorable institutional record (without disciplinary infraction), specifically, it shall have been:
 - 1. A minimum of sixty (60) days from the date of the inmate's last major disciplinary hearing (if punitive time is given, then the sixty (60) days begins upon RELEASE from punitive or the sixty (60) days begins after the inmate has been transferred to punitive restriction status (restriction status does not have to be over).

However, if a warning, reprimand or a suspended sentence is received for the major disciplinary, the inmate is eligible for promotion and/or reclassification after thirty (30) days.

- 2. A minimum of thirty (30) days from the date of the inmate's last guilty decision for a minor disciplinary.
- 3. And, at a minimum (timeframes in this section do not begin to run until the inmate has been released from punitive if punitive time was assessed for these violations despite reference to guilty verdict in some subsections below):
 - a. One (1) year from the date an inmate is returned from escape or attempted escape unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.
 - b. One (1) year from the date of a **felonious battery** unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.
 - c. One (1) year from the date of a **battery on an employee** unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification. Under no circumstances can the inmate be considered in less than ninety (90) days if the assault is intentional and not less than sixty (60) days if the assault is unintentional.
 - d. One (1) year from a **homicide** or **attempted homicide** committed while in custody of the Department of Correction.
 - e. One (1) year from the date of a guilty verdict for disciplinary rule for possession/manufacture of contraband that carries a Class A penalty unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.
 - f. One (1) year from the date of guilty verdict for a 04-17 rule violation for throwing or attempting to throw substances, known or unknown, toward or upon another person unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.
 - g. Three (3) months from the date of a guilty verdict for **Sexual Activity**, including Rule #05-4, 10-1, 10-2, 10-3, 10-4, or 10-5.
 - Six (6) months from the date of a second guilty verdict for a 10-3 rule violation for **indecent exposure** unless the Warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.

One (1) year from the date of a third or subsequent guilty verdict for a 10-3 rule violation for **indecent exposure** unless the warden recommends to the Classification Committee that the inmate be considered for promotion and/or reclassification.

NOTE: For calculating an inmate's eligibility for a class promotion, subsequent guilty verdicts for 10-3 rule violations will be run concurrently.

G. After the above promotion and/or reclassification, an inmate must maintain a favorable institutional record for at least thirty (30) days before reappearing before the Classification Committee for another promotion and/or reclassification unless approved by the Warden. An inmate should be in Class II or Class I status in order to be considered for anything other than promotion in class and/or restoration of lost good time. However, an inmate may be placed into a treatment program by the Classification Committee upon the recommendation of the Warden or the Warden's designee and the Treatment Program Manager, even if the inmate is not yet eligible for class promotion per this Directive.



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INVESTIGATIVE SUPPLEMENT ASP-2025-0704/4

Report Date: 06/16/2025

Primary Information

Description: INTERVIEW OF NCU FOOD PRODUCTION MANAGER HAYDEN GRADY

Dissemination Code: SYSTEM WIDE ACCESS

Reporting LEO: MCNEILL, MIKE (SPECIAL INVESTIGATIONS / ARKANSAS STATE POLICE)

Report Status: Approved
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On June 12, 2025, at approximately 10:38 AM, I conducted an interview with North Central Unit Food Production Manager (FPM) Hayden Grady. The interview was audio recorded for documentation purposes.

Below is a summarized version of the interview, not intended to be a verbatim account but capturing the key points of the interview:

North Central Unit (NCU) Food Production Manager (FPM) Hayden Grady advised that he conducted a staff meeting with the NCU Food Service Department on May 13, 2025. Attendees included Food Production Supervisor (FPS) Justin Delvalle. According to FPM Grady, one of the key topics addressed during this meeting was that inmates were not to be allowed on the back dock area without direct staff supervision.

During my interview with FPM Grady, we reviewed the Food Service Department Staff Meeting Report he generated for the May 13th meeting. I advised FPM Grady that the report, as written, does not explicitly state that inmates are prohibited from being on the back dock without supervision. In response, FPM Grady referenced a bullet point in the document that reads: "Back Dock is to stay locked when supervisor is not present." He asserted that this language was intended to communicate the restriction regarding unsupervised inmate access to the back dock. However, no direct language in the document clearly outlines a ban against inmates being left unattended in that area.

FPM Grady further referenced the existence of post orders concerning inmate supervision. He acknowledged that existing post orders—specifically those effective March 12, 2025—permit inmates to be outside and on the back dock without supervision if the inmate is assigned to clean that area. However, FPM Grady clarified that, despite the language of the post orders, he had received direct verbal instruction from his supervisor prohibiting any inmate from being left unsupervised while cleaning the back dock. He indicated that, as a result of that directive, the written post orders are no longer followed in practice regarding inmate supervision in the back dock area.

FPM Grady emphasized that kitchen staff had been verbally instructed on multiple occasions that inmates were not to be left unsupervised on the back dock.

The Food Service Department Staff Meeting Report from May 13, 2025, and the Food Production Supervisor I Post Orders (effective March 12, 2025) will be made a part of the investigative file. Notably, these two documents appear to present conflicting guidance regarding immate supervision on the back dock. The staff meeting report implies a ban on unsupervised immate presence only through indirect language, while the post orders explicitly allow for such activity under certain conditions.

Both the staff meeting report and the relevant post orders were provided to me via email by NCU Warden's Administrative Specialist Candice Seay. A copy of Ms. Seay's email, along with the attached documents, will be included in the investigative file.

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The interview with FPM Hayden Grady concluded at approximately 10:52 AM. The interview will be made a part of the investigative file.

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Mike McNeill

From:

Candice Seay (DOC)

Sent:

Thursday, June 12, 2025 9:22 AM

To:

Mike McNeill

Subject:

Kitchen Staff Meeting Report

Attachments:

Kitchen Staff Meeting Report 5-13-2025.pdf

Good morning,

Attached is the requested report that you asked to be emailed from the Kitchen meeting.

Thank you,

Cardice Seay

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