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ARS § 38-352 WHISTLEBLOWING DISCLOSURE

VIOLATIONS AT ARIZONA DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Governor Doug Ducey  
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Dear Governor Ducey:

This letter is a whistleblowing disclosure pursuant to A.R.S. § 38-532 reporting what I believe to be matters of public concern that evidence violations of law, mismanagement, gross waste of monies or abuse of authority.

My name is Shaun Holland and I have been with ADC for approximately 14 years. I am currently the Associate Deputy Warden of the Bachman Unit at ASPC Lewis. I have been working in the Lewis complex for 11 of the last 14 years. I am a loyal and dedicated state employee and I am now compelled to come forward and report the Lewis Prison Administration's continued deliberate and intentional indifference to the safety of officers and inmates.

Earlier this year public disclosures forced the prison administration to close the Morey Unit at Lewis Prison. Right now, Morey Unit is undergoing complete repair of its doors. And I had hoped that prison administration would move forward with repairs to the failing cell doors in the Buckley Unit, Rast Close Custody, Stiner detention unit, and the Bachman detention unit. These doors are identical to those in Morey and are failing at an alarming rate.

Instead of identifying and repairing the doors, the prison administration is hiding the problems by "closing out" hundreds of repair orders without completing any repairs. Subordinates in my chain of command have been reporting broken and damaged cell doors. I have ensured that these reports are properly raised through the chain so that repairs can be made. I reviewed the documentation and discovered that many of the cells doors that we reported are now identified as "repaired" when no repairs ever occurred. I personally checked the records and confirmed by actually checking the cell doors myself. I raised these issues in my own chain of command, including the warden, several times with no action being taken to address the issue.

I have also observed employee work crews who were tasked with repairing doors. They go through the units, toy with broken doors, and then designate them as "repaired" in official ADC records. Again I have reviewed the work and the doors remain broken and present a significant danger to officers and inmates. I raised the failure to properly repair the doors with prison

administration and warned that the doors were not actually being repaired. Again, no action being taken to address the issue.

I have reported many of my concerns all the way up the chain of command, to the warden's superiors and even to the new director. I have not received any response. This letter is just the briefest outline of the horrendous safety issues. And I have documentation and video to support everything (see attached photos). I will gladly meet with you to explain all of the problems in detail and will work with anyone to fashion a solution.

Best regards,

**Shaun Holland**



Buckley Unit, November 27<sup>th</sup>, 2019.  
Inmates have control of and are opening their own doors; no staff are present.



Buckley Unit, November 19<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
20 minutes into formal count. Inmates are everywhere with their doors opened. Only 1 staff member on the floor with zero control, zero security presence. Inmates have control of their own doors.