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#### Commission of Correction

ALLEN RILEY Chairman THOMAS J. LOUGHREN Commissioner YOLANDA CANTY Commissioner 2022 NYSCOC Complaint

June 10, 2022

Colonel Anthony Mele Orange County Correctional Facility 110 Wells Farm Road Goshen, New York 10924

Re: Complaint #

Dear Colonel Mele:

Enclosed please find a copy of a correspondence received by The Commission of Correction submitted by Within the correspondence, which is the was concerned for his well-being. Please review and take any action you deem appropriate.

Your attention to matters of mutual concern is appreciated.

Sincerely,

Michael D. Crane

Michelle Crane Correctional Facility Specialist

Attachment: Complaint # 163201

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# MEMORANDUM

FROM: Lieutenant Mark Berlinski 01

DATE: July 28, 2022

RE: Inmate

This Memorandum is being authored in response to a letter mailed to the New York State Commission of Correction by Inmate and the County Jail put his life in danger when his housing was relocated to the New York State Commission of County Jail put his life in danger when his housing was relocated to the New York State Commission of County Jail put his life in danger by telling the inmates in that he was a "rat". He specifically names Sergeant Conroy, Keith 117 and Sergeant Gessner, Nicholas 138 as telling inmates he was a rat.

On May 31, 2022, Inmate was to be relocated from being enhanced security, the escort was recorded on his Close Custody classification. Due to Inmate was to being enhanced security, the escort was recorded on hand held video. At no time duting the video does Inmate was make any notification of having problems in the unit. No one is observed telling anyone that Inmate was a rat.

Both Sergeants Conroy and Gessner were questioned about Inmate accusation. Both Sergeants deny making such statements and Memorandums will be submitted as part of the investigation. On July 27, 2022, I questioned Inmate about the accusations. Inmate accusations stated that he was good and didn't remember authoring a letter. He further stated that he did not have any problems or issues with the relocation. Inmate accusation als submitted a letter stating that he would like to sign off on the grievance and that he feels someone else had been using his name to send grievances to Albany.

Upon completion of my investigation, I find Inmate **complete the second second** 

End Memorandum

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# MEMORANDUM

TO:	Sheriff Carl E.	DuBois

FROM: Sergeant Nicholas Gessner #138

DATE: July 26, 2022

RE: Response to a grievance submitted by Inmate

Tuesday, July 26, 2022, I was directed by Shift Commander Lieutenant Mark Berlinski to author a memorandum in response to a grievance that was sent to the New York State Commission of Corrections by Inmate According to the complaint, Inmate wrote in sum and substance that on or around May 31, 2022, or June 1, 2022, he was moved from Housing to Housing. Inmate explains that he believes that staff notified nmates that he was a "rat." On the second page of the complaint, Inmate stated "Sgt. Gessner told the inmates in the a I was a rat in rapeies!"

On May 31, 2022, Inmate was relocated from Tuesday. May 31, 2022, I did not report to work due to feeling ill. On Wednesday, June 1. 2022. I was assigned to Bravo Wing. I did not have any contact with Inmate when he resided in Housing. I have not been assigned to Delta Wing as a Sergeant since Monday, February 7, 2022. At no time did make any statements to inmates in regards to Inmate being a "rat in rapeies." End of Memorandum

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TO:	Sheriff	Carl	E.	DuBois

Sergeant Keith Conroy #117 FROM:

DATE: July 28, 2022

cofficers Law Section reveal criminal inv RE:

On the above date and time of incident, I was the assigned Bravo Wing Supervisor for the 0700-1500 tour. I am authoring this memorandum Per Lieutenant Berlinski in response to an Inmate complaint lette sent to New York State Commission of Correction. The letter states that I from told the Inmates that Inmate was "A Rat". As such, at no time have I ever told any Inmate that Inmate was a rat nor anything of the kind. End of report.

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Date: 7/29/22.

The reason for me withing This is because, I will like to Sign off on the grievance Sent to Albany in I feel That Someone in This Jail have been useing my name to Send griendinces to Alboury: I do not have a problem with Sourgent Conroy or do I have a Droblem with Sargent Oesner. Goan I will like to Sign off on all Complants