Conduct Report

Name: SANDERS, CARLOS A

Date/Offense: 07/15/2018
Time/Offense: 05:00 PM

Rule(s) Violated: 15, 18, 46, 56, 61

Supporting Facts (Describe what occurred and how the inmate violated the rule[s]):

The ODRC’s Chief Inspector’s Office and the Bureau of Classification’s STG Intelligence Unit have been monitoring communications and social media postings related to planning a nationwide prison strike from August 21 to September 9, 2018. For at least 2 years, inmates and members of the public around the country have attempted to plan coordinated work stoppages, riots, violence, and disturbances throughout Ohio and the nation on September 9th to advance a political agenda. External groups, such as the Incarcerated Worker’s Organizing Committee (IWOC), have been supporting these efforts by spreading propaganda and rallying support. Since 2016, prison strike supporters have taken credit for, and celebrated as successes, riotous acts in prison systems throughout the United States including, but not limited to: lighting prison facilities on fire, assaulting staff, seizing control of prison units, taking staff hostage, and “full blown riot” (see attachment #1 Prison Strike Propaganda).

On Monday July 16, mail room staff at the Ohio State Penitentiary screened correspondence for inmate Sanders (Hasan) R130-559 sent to him by an approved visitor Ben Turk. The correspondence was propaganda supporting the prison strike this year. The Chief Inspector’s office monitored inmate Sanders phone calls and learned inmate Sanders was engaged in the following activities:

(Use Conduct Report Supplement sheet, if needed)

As the Charging Official, do you wish to have input into the disciplinary proceedings? ☑ Yes ☐ No

Printed Name: Wittrup, Brian
Signature: 
Shift: 1st
Days Off: Sa/Su
Date: 07/27/2018

A copy of this conduct report was served upon the above-named inmate on: 20 , at .

Staff Signature: 
I acknowledge receipt of the conduct report on the above stated date and time: 

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1) He is an “inside member” of the steering committee for the “Free Ohio Movement” which is associated with IWOC. On July 15, 2018 inmate Sanders was recorded on the DRC Phone system telling a group of prison strike supporters “I am one of the founders of the free Ohio Movement... I am one of the person(sic) on the steering committee on the inside and I can put you in touch with the chairperson, who is a female, with IWOC.” Therefore, inmate Sanders admits to being a leader attempting to organize a prison strike in Ohio.
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2) He advocates for a prison strike in public speaking events held over the inmate phone system. On June 30th he spoke to a group of protesters outside the US Supreme Court “I was also talking about this year from August 21 to September 9, the National work stoppage, hunger strike, boycotting the commissary the whole nine…” Therefore, inmate Sanders is attempting to incite support and spread the word to engage in an organized prison disturbance.
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3) Inmate Sanders has acknowledged the prison strike he is advocating for involved direct action in the prisons, not just an expression of ideas about prison reform. The prison propaganda sent in by Ben Turk establishes that the prison strike organizers are calling for violence and riot and they list it as an accomplishment in 2016 when prison facilities were damaged and destroyed and when prison staff were assaulted and taken hostage. On June 30, 2018 inmate Sanders says he has tried to organize this same prison strike in Ohio. He wants it to be more intense than what happened in 2016 and states he, and others, plan to participate. “Two years later, the decision has been that from August 21 to September 9, there is going to be another National Work Stoppage and it entails many more things than what happened in 2016...We intend to put up stiff resistance”. 

Signature of Reporting Officer: [Signature]

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4) Sanders plans to continue making these statements and calling for a prison strike. He is also engaging in a for-profit enterprise as a paid public speaker. Telephone monitoring has determined Sanders intends to speak to a group of people, including a radio personality, on Saturday July 28, 2018. For this, he is to receive a payment of $250 from the Union sponsoring the event. He has not received authorization from the Warden of his facility to engage in this business enterprise. However, since the union’s spending is monitored, they could not send the payment to Sanders directly. Sanders explained to them how they could use an intermediary and his three approved visitors, Ben Turk, Madeleine Smith, and Joyce Jones, to get the money to him. On July 11, 2018 inmate Sanders discussed the payment and the arrangements with the vice president of the union organizing the events.
"Kirschbaum: The way it is looking, we will probably be able to have you call into the meeting, show the film. My union has already took a resolution on it. It being a union, we’re monitored pretty closely by the government on how we can only make out checks when we do a donation. We have to find out if we are able to make a check out to an organization or it could be to your canteen or however you do that. I don’t know how that’s done. It’s $250. Would you be able to do that? We’d probably do a collection at the meeting too- to help out with stuff. Do you want to give me that information, I mean, we got some time. I don’t know how that’s-

Sanders: You can send that to Joyce since she’s on my account.

Kirschbaum: I don’t think the union can make a check out to Joyce. Is there something with the Lucasville tag?

Sanders: Yes... what I will do is I will have Joyce put you in touch with Ben [Turk]. No, I will have Joyce put you in touch with Madeleine [Smith]."
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Therefore, there is evidence to support that inmate Sanders is acting in violation of the following prison rules:

15- Rioting, or encouraging others to riot
16- Engaging in or encouraging a group demonstration or work stoppage
46- Conducting business operations with any person or entity, without permission
56- Use of telephone in furtherance of any criminal activity (encouraging disturbance/riot)

61- Violation of other policy, specifically rules on receiving of money from unapproved sources 76-VIS-01

For rules 15 and 16, by his own admission on July 15, 2018 Inmate Sanders is also acting as a leader and spokesperson.

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