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Dear Mr. Lumpkin & Mr. Nichols,

No comment on *Inside the Criminal Mind* (newly revised 2022) by the recently deceased Prof. Stanton Samenow (RIP 2023), the largest study of its kind?

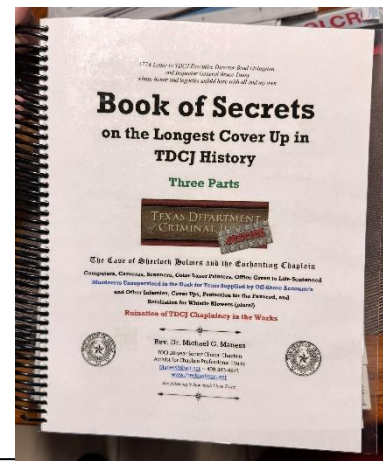
See attached a copy of certified receipt of delivery, as with a photo the receipts for the send of the Frankenstein Letter sent to 115+ stakeholders, for history's sake, for researchers down the road should someone actually have the energy to do real research. Same size stack for the book, *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*, that correct, at great expense I bought 130 copies of that big book, packaged them, and sent them all certified. Accountability is important, and so far there has been no accountability for the vast array of violation of many TDCJ policies and several Texas laws—top attorneys could see clearly.



This is to you, Mr. Lumpkin, **my last hard copy** of the *Book of Secrets on Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History*, which has been QR coded in most every letter for over a decade. I exact same copies of this in 2013 to then TBCJ Chair Oliver Bell, Brad Livingston, OIG Bruce Toney, and Gov. Abbott's office.

I was shocked that no one called me on my 23-page FAX to Livingston on about October 28, 2012, first exposing the vast dangerous security violations at Polunsky while still an employee! I was forced to retire for standing up for policy, and then cowardly Warden Richard Alford hid like a baby goat. I finally got the OIG investigation, after appealing to the Texas AG—shock of shocks! After emailing Bell as a charter member of his labor consortium—of- which we had few cordial emails—rather than be a man and address the violations under his watch, Bell had me investigated as a “terrorist threat.” Yes—the story is told after 100s open record requests, several TDCJ appealed to the Texas AG to prevent exposure.

When I got no response to the *Book of Secrets*, I asked for the hard-wrought copies back. Livingston's records office told me it would cost a

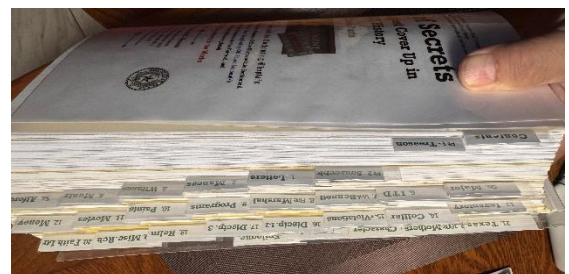


Book of Secrets on Longest Cover Up in TDCJ History: Case of the Enchanting Chaplain (2013) – how wardens & snake Michael Upshaw covered up the vast security violations of Chaplain David Collier for YEARS prior to 2012 when I arrived, many dangerous security violations—see the photos!—fully documented, and now OIG aided in cover up, even failing to interview dozens of witnesses – now after a decade, TBCJ chairmen support the cover up AND promotions of all involved.

www.PreciousHeart.net/OIG/Treason.pdf



Hard to imagine so many top attorneys with superb educations avoid so much exposure on their watch for 30 years – and the Polunsky Fiasco is unbelievable yet ALL the staff in 2012 knew and OIG did NOTHING, aiding in cover up—clearly aiding! 700 pages of the most comprehensive exposure that OIG should oved done, that wardens SAHOULD have done.



fortune, and they could not send it back because it was record (I should have saved that email). Strangely and pleasantly, Abbott's office sent a black and white COPY collated and tabbed perfectly, free of charge. I wanted to send that to you, too, Mr. Nichols, not that you would read it, and I will send it when I find it.

None of the chairmen who are also top attorneys have read the online version QR coded in almost every letter over the last 13-plus years—a shame of zero accountability for each one of you, and to you Mr. Nichols.

My last color hard copy is in YOUR hands Mr. Lumpkin, where the buck and accountability stops, and where accountability has escaped several criminal staff.

You can see the 100s of OR requests, literally \$1,000s at my own expense, and the 10,000 hours of work it took to make those and other books and documents, laborious, cause I truly TRUSTED that OIG would vindicate me, truly thought the OIG would see Honor, have Empathy, even value Accountability, even have a Respect for law, but OIG chose to not Trust the overwhelming horde of facts. Here, Mr. Lumpkin, is my last color hard copies indicating now a 13 year HEARTless cover up going back 30 years regarding chaplaincy.

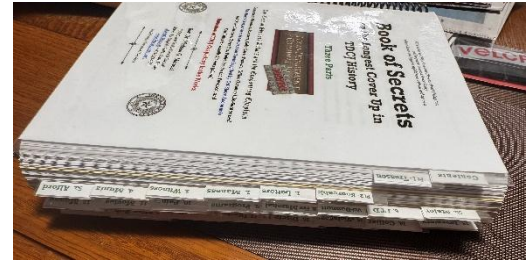
I turn 70—70 years old—this July 3 and cannot allow this to stay on my shelf, collecting dust, as I prepare for the last stages of my life. You, Mr. Lumpkin, have the experience to see I am telling the truth here; Lumpkin, you see in a fashion Mr. Nichols can never see, who is totally dependent upon your wisdom and experience and honor and your honest value of accountability. Words too many voice but do not back up when it counts most. We shall see, God is witness.

The one virtue of the top three for TDCJ should be “COURAGE,” for several are direly lacking these days, include you Mr. Nichols, and the previous chairmen, unless of course you too just refused to read and vet the truth in the horde given—top attorney with a billion-dollar lawfirm—along with other legal eagles who refuse to help the victims of evil.

Pretend that they are not serious proof of both serious violations of serious security policy and violations of the law. I have sent QR codes of the on-line version. No on in TDCJ history has ever created anything close to that, and worse, no one has even acknowledged it, except Bell's OIG that was complicit in cover up to this day. Whatever happened to Chris Love, who succeeded Toney? Another cover up? Fact that Love signed off on the bogus “terrorist threat” investigation was another part of the nefariousness exposed. Oh, do see the final report, where they concluded I “not write more books,” which obviously inspired me to write volumes more.

Byran Collier is complicit in covering up 6 years of crime in the Polunsky Chapel, as well as the false disciplinary reports that forced me to retire early—no real HEART there—because he was the least read director in TDCJ history. No honor, empathy, accountability, respect either—no HEART at all. And every staffer involved got a promotion soon after—every one, including the wardens and snake dung Michael Upshaw, aided by then CID Dir. Bill Stephens. Stephens retired and came back to double dip—clean as a baby's butt, having covered for Upshaw to Collier who could not read anything on his own.

Now you two have my last two HARD COPIES, for I have no use for them as you two carry on the legacy of HEARTless cover up of a few evil people, centered around and protecting Michael Upshaw, of which only those with half a brain will fail to see the long-served nefariousness at Polunsky under the several wardens knowing eyes, Upshaw's part, and then



cover up of Chaplain David Collier's total violations of policy every single day for YEARS! Every department despised him. I dare not rewrite the *Book of Secrets* here. The point is this and should resonate clearly to anyone trying to follow HEART at all—the *Book of Secrets* and other docs of more exposures over the last 13 years clearly expose that Upshaw and a few wardens got away with this many more times. **FACT of HEART—no way under heaven was I the only one!** Though I might have been the last one for Upshaw and then last one for cowardly Warden Richard Alford, co-author of *Tall Walls & High Fences*, falsely billed as the “first comprehensive history of Texas prisons,” of which anyone can see it merely lauds good law officers with several gory details as it slams liberals and Judge Justice without any concern for the real civil rights abuses of early days, during their days—Alford unwittingly revealed in his defense of the old days his defense of abuse—and not any mention of any TDCJ Exec. Director for the last 30 years. If you read it, you cannot miss Alford's cover up, and even scamming the university press who could have had a real historian look at it—far from comprehensive!

Alford was a law officer wannabe, with his warden's office covered in a vast collection of law officer badges, but just did not have courage or integrity or any HEART, a weak mind—just read the book. The blurb by the university press was a cover up, too, a well-written synopsis of what they hoped it to be, and written by someone who had not read the book or knew any substantial history of prisons or of Texas' TDCJ. Have you read it? Accountable?

HEART—you know that “honor” is too big to be saddled by the rest. “Honor” has always included “accountability,” “respect,” AND “trustworthiness.” It is a fool who added “trust” as a guiding principle in prison, something the entire academy strives to inculcate into staff, into not trusting prisoners! Mr. Lumpkin, are you awake on this? Of course there are prisoners who are trustworthy to a degree, for the prison cannot function without prisoner help, but the long list of policies clear declare mistrust. Certainly, staff must trust. Hellfire!—I trusted too long before exposing, then was investigated as a “terrorist threat” for exposing! More HEART's causing more intractable confusion than ANY king of true cohesion or even more trust.

Notice also that I sent a copy of the Treason Epilogue to all members of the TBCJ board a while after, that epilogue is the concluding chapter of the *Book of Secrets* which outlines in clear terms any half-rate attorney could see on Michael Upshaw's pivotal role in ruining my career, likely for then Programs Dir. Madalene Ortiz as well as his clearly documented treason to TDCJ policy and treason to Texas criminal law in aiding the cover up of the Polunsky Fiasco for 6 years prior to 2012 and cover up of my vast exposure in 2012 and since. Mr. Lumpkin, you'll appreciate or at least know well what I am talking about—if you read—in that Upshaw OWNED the Polunsky Wardens like prisoner bitches. And Dir Collier's failure to see that is because he was not only the least well-read director in TDCJ but because the “trusted” then CID Dir. Bill Stephens and Michael Upshaw instead of the vast horde of facts. How guilty Stephens is is debatable, but guilty he is—the real and lingering mystery is how PSYCHOPATH snake Michael Upshaw was able to persuade, cajole, connive, and manipulate both Stephens and OIG Bruce Toney and therefore limping dependent TRUSTING Collier too in the longest cover up in TDCJ history. To date still a stain for historians and the current or successive TDCJ director/s and TBCJ board/s to decipher and solve.

HEART—oh my, who did you get to rebrand TDCJ? Clearly no one with any experience in rebranding or certainly none in TDCJ operations inside the prison. Likely another DEI promotion from classification or off the street, and one without any real education in psychology, literature, or “virtue” and “character” studies. It is an abuse of metaphor, straining common sense. Immediately, the single line of “Honor” having “integrity” and then the Facebook quotes

of you, Mr. Lumpkin, speaking from the “HEART” actually twist reality, just aiding the already critical and hostile-to-TDCJ Facebook pages with more “likes” and traffic than the billion-dollar TDCJ Facebook page. “HEART” on a few already TDCJ has turned into a “Pussy Prison,” even when one TDCJ posted all women leading one TDCJ district—no pun intended!

HEART—oh my, have you not studied any works on “character counts,” which came into vogue over 25 years in national efforts and even each successive U.S. president honoring?

Each virtue ought to be simple, understood, not overlap, and forward the PRINCIPLE virtues the TDCJ desires in its STAFF. Not truly excluding prisoners, but STAFF that ought to be models for the prisoners. Honor—yes, of course, but your HEART dishonors honor by forcing the acronym over the intended meaning, much meaning still foggy, and made foggier when we all know HONOR has always included Accountability, Respect, and Trust—*always included!*

How did this bogus run at rebranding cost TDCJ so far? Are you willing to be honorable and admit a vast mistake?

Let me add more—if you’re still reading and caring about TDCJ’s real reputation—outside of Honor with its host of intrinsic commonly held virtues. How did they come up with HEART? Who will write that history? Is that history even important? Honor would say, “Yes.” Did they go on a hunt, looking for an acronym, and *then* looked for nice sounding virtue-like “words” that they would have to *create* definitions to? Of course they did—to their sham and lack of honor.

Let me ask this: next to honor, what would be next VIRTUE that is encompassing, self-defining, and in ubiquitous INSIDE each and every prison and INSIDE your OIG? How about COURAGE? To most of the country boy/girl correctional officers, all rank and staff, and perhaps you too, Mr. Lumpkin and Mr. Nichols, and to most prisoners too—when we say HONOR and COURAGE, few have to have explanatory statements.

With those two alone, you have something real and graspable with intrinsic nearly universal understanding going back 1,000s of years. When you see TDCJ trying to define Honor with “integrity”—gosh, Nichols, you *really* a top tier lawyer?—who can fail see that using only “integrity” cheapens the breadth of “honor” which includes integrity and much more. Not either of you may have seen it that way, not truly schooled or having studies “virtues” much, but now that you have been schooled the question of your honor rises higher? Your heart too, as you see the metaphor of “heart” abused by TDCJ over which you two preside.

Did the staff Googling “virtues” for HEART even look at my collection of [31 Lists of Lists of Virtues](#) from the top organizations in the world? Did they even try to follow any example or use a ny kind of research at all? It is obvious they did not. Peterson and Seligman, *Character Strengths and Virtues* (2004; 816 p.)¹ is the most

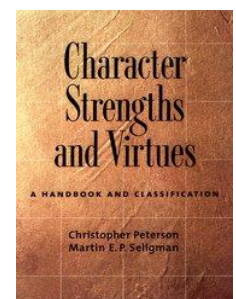
**31 Lists of Lists of Virtues
on Character Counting**

www.PreciousHeart.net/fm/Character.pdf



See List #12 the U.S.
Navy’s 3 Core Values:
Honor, Courage,
Commitment!

¹ Peterson and Seligman, *Character Strengths and Virtues* (Oxford Univ. Press, 2004; 816 p.): 47. On the four cardinal virtues, the parenthetical is from Kenneth E. Kirk, “Cardinal Virtues” in Boulton, Kennedy, Verhey’s *From Christ to the World: Introductory Readings in Christian Ethics* (Eerdmans, 1994): 240, “Through the medium of Cicero’s “De Officiis” St. Ambrose first of all, and then his successors, drew from Plato and Aristotle that Greek classification which has always gone by the name of the cardinal virtues—**prudence, justice, temperance, and fortitude**. But Christian theology did not adopt them in any slavish spirit of imitation. It reinterpreted them and filled them



comprehensive look with the most substantial *research* to date in 2004, which I got early, thankfully, for Oxford now charges \$140 for it, and worth that for the references to nearly everything written.

Did your crew even look at the best-selling *The Book of Virtues* by William J. Bennett (NY: Simon & Schuster, 1993; 640 p.) and the publisher put a 30th anniversary edition in 2023, whose Ten Virtues in list #9 are by chapters filled with exquisite examples of each of the ten—a masterpiece, not unlike my *When Texas Prison Scams Religion*. Look at the 31 lists of lists and weep at the poor work done by TDCJ, where all must have a TDCJ interpretation that is in itself cheap and beggarly. How could they have by-passed the first on the list of “Character Counts’ 6 Pillars for Ethical Decisions” that has made headlines and been endorsed by every president and most state legislatures every year for decades: Trustworthiness, Respect, Responsibility, Fairness, Caring, and Citizenship. Or maybe they *tried* to emulate, but you can see in the list how Character Counts defines each with clear examples. As good as those are, they are a bit much for the “PRISON,” the most interpersonally hostile environment legally constituted. Where is “courage”? Goodness, like *courage* to “Do the Right Thing”? So absent from a few very clearly exposed, and from several TBCJ board members who are too busy to do the work they are chartered to do.

See list #12 on the U.S. Navy’s 3 Core Values: Honor, Courage, Commitment! Would that TDCJ had the Navy’s committee that put those together. Every seaman and officer can remember those, and each is a super-virtue packed to the gills with insinuations and more.

I need to close. The next letter will include the results of my open record requests for your pitiful Office of Strategic Initiative that has no response for what their best accomplishment was, and has written no white papers, and has done no research—none, nada, zilch—and, in fact, I had to clarify what “research” meant to get the answer of NOTHING substantial. Oh, they did sent a pitiful list of statistics that their low level MS Excell chief keeps on a running log, but NO RESEARCH worth the salaries you are paying them. They are laughing at HEART, cause there is no Accountability at all there—more to come!

I need to close now. I REPEAT!—read *Inside the Criminal Mind*, and the *Mindhunters*, and know that today we still do not know how one becomes a psychopath or have a cure. I sent you Prof. Hare’s magnificently fearsome *Without Conscience: The Disturbing World of the Psychopaths Among Us*, which should be given at every academy with at least two full blocks of instruction, side by side *The Games the Criminals Play* (or the ACCA version). *Without Conscience* is powerfully needed, yet to date you have failed to thank me for it.

It’s a shame that staff psychopaths like retired Michael Upshaw were able to manipulate so thoroughly the chief of the prison, Bryan Collier, and worse, that even after clear and detailed exposure that Collier refused to see it—the naked king strutting in his new invisible clothes. Bobby, just read—as you verify, you will see better too, and thereby help all.

I enclosed for Mr. Lumpkin a copy of my book *Character Counts* on how much character counts in Freemasonry, challenging the critics of the craft, whose cover has a list of the virtues that each of the 32 degrees try to inculcate. Chaplaincy is not my only research. I came to TDCJ in 1993, young with a prestigious Master of Divinity from Southwestern Baptist Theological Seminary, and a 150-hour bachelor’s with a major in counseling from the Criswell College. I

with a Christian content [bold mine].” Referencing Kirk’s *Some Principles of Moral Theology* (Longman, Green, 1920) and for Thomas Aquinas’ view between the cardinal and minor virtues, see W. H. V. Reade, *The Moral System of Dante’s Inferno* (Oxford: Clarendon Press, 1909; 445 p.).

spent my best years in TDCJ as a chaplain and fighting for the chaplaincy profession. No one has done more research. I led 60 chaplains to Austin and won the first pay group raise in 40 years in 2001. Won back 25 chaplains in 2007 after Carl Jefferies fired 50 in a bogus reduction based on NOTHING in 2005. Then I led the effort that saved the entire TDCJ chaplaincy from assassination in 2011, a real fight, as chronicled in my book, *How We Saved Texas Prison Chaplaincy*.

Hard to stop and just present new stuff. I defend my honor and honor of chaplaincy.

That Frankenstein Letter outlines most of the research documents, but not all. And, of course, the tome of *When Texas Prison Scams Religion* could use a third edition, but who cares? You two are still in love with Burl Cain's baby, the Field Minister program that caters to psychopaths, mutilates the value of religion, and makes "ministers" as though it was church in no fashion any church or mosque or synagogue has done in 1,000s of years—and worse, TDCJ and the TBCJ buy faith with favor from vulnerable and disturbed prisoners, many psychopaths.

Accountability? Not yet. Honor? Some have laughed at HEART, well-meaning only to the naïve, and a useless waste of money, just a simpleton acronym to make weak people with little education appear smart on Facebook. Nichols knows better, or he should.

You, Mr. Lumpkin, you sir KNOW that the every good officer needs COURAGE and HONOR, and if just those two were inculcated, you might have something worth advertising. However, TDCJ needs to stop scamming religion, and more, if "justice" means anything.

Caveat – I could have edited this better, but I was short on time. Leaving a short trip and prolonged finishing this for too long. Yes, after 30 years defending chaplaincy, I am tired and must come to an end, and will eventually, certainly after I die. God help us.

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Frankenstein Letter (March 2025)
www.PreciousHeart.net/Seminary/Frankenstein.pdf
no one else has had the courage or ability to do this

