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[Texas Department of Criminal Justice](#)

#### **Public Comments**

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#### **City**

Gatesville

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Texas

#### **Your Comments or Concerns**

As an employee of TDCJ, I as well as many other employees, have lost all confidence in Bryan Collier. Upon the recommendation of the committee, restructuring was implemented. However the deletion of Oscar Mendora's position was replaced by 3 positions and Mendoza moved to another made up

position. This is nothing but a “shell game”. Furthermore, moving Mendoza into a retention & training position after he has told employees in the past “if you don’t like it, quit” is ludicrous! Mr. Mendoza has been allowed to “retire in place” on Friday & come back on Monday in his exact former position but making a regular paycheck & a retirement check. Now he has retired again and come back with another new position that was created and no one else given the opportunity apply for! As a bottom line worker just trying to make it to a 1st retirement this screams unethical! I still had respect for both Mr. Collier & Mr. Mendoza when Gonzalo Lope escaped and stood watch many long hours on the perimeter of the escape area. My respect started to slip when we were all removed from the perimeter that fateful day because we had not caught Lope & did not have evidence he had breached the perimeter! Why did we give up? Then after Lopez murdered the Collins family, Bryan Collier, Oscar Mendoza and Bruce Armstrong keep their jobs, nothing has changed! oh yes we have to put 3 officers on every transport & cameras were installed on all transport vehicles, nothing was done to change the root cause of the escape to begin with STAFF SHORTAGE! In fact the Hughes unit is worse off now than it was when Lopez escaped! And the fix is for all surrounding units to send staff from their own short-staffed units to help Hughes! That is simply creating another problem trying to fix the original problem! Thank you for your time!

**Your Proposed Solution**

Move all male inmates from Hughes unit to other units. Relocate all female inmates to Hughes unit and consolidate all Gatesville area staff to Hughes.

**My Comments Will Be Made Public**

Yes