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UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
DISTRICT OF OREGON
PORTLAND DIVISION

PRISON LEGAL NEWS, a project of the
HUMAN RIGHTS DEFENSE CENTER,

Plaintiff,

v.

COLUMBIA COUNTY; COLUMBIA
COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE; JEFF
DICKERSON, individually and in his capacity
as Columbia County Sheriff,

Defendants.

No. CV 12-71-SI

DECLARATION OF TROY MCCARTER

In Support of Plaintiff's Motion for
Preliminary Injunction

DECLARATION OF TROY MCCARTER

I, Troy McCarter, hereby declare as follows:

1. I am over the age of 18, am competent to testify, and make this Declaration based on my personal knowledge.
2. By letter dated August 18, 2011, from the law firm MacDonald, Hoague & Bayless, I received and reviewed the documents described below.
3. My check marks (✓) below indicate whether I received or did not receive mailings from Prison Legal News (PLN) when I was a prisoner at the Columbia County Jail, and whether I received or did not receive written notice from the Jail that mail addressed to me was rejected.

4. **EXHIBIT A** (3 single-page double-sided brochures)

- (i) PLN Brochure and Subscription Order Form
- (ii) 2010 PLN Book List
- (iii) PLN Brochure about two books for sale

☐ I **RECEIVED** Exhibit A from PLN; or

☒ I did **NOT** receive Exhibit A from PLN; and

☒ I did **NOT** receive written notification that the Columbia County Jail rejected Exhibit A; or

☐ I **RECEIVED** written notification that the Columbia County Jail rejected Exhibit A.

5. **EXHIBIT B** (copy of front and back of paperback book)

☒ I **RECEIVED** a paperback book titled *Protecting Your Health & Safety*; or

☐ I did **NOT** receive a paperback book titled *Protecting Your Health & Safety*; and

☐ I did **NOT** receive written notification that the Columbia County Jail rejected a paperback book titled *Protecting Your Health & Safety*; or

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rejected a paperback book titled *Protecting Your Health & Safety*.

6. **EXHIBIT C** (sample front and back of *Prison Legal News* journal)

___ I **RECEIVED** PLN's 56-page monthly journals as indicated by my check marks
(✓) below next to the date of the issue(s) I received:

___ July 2009

___ February 2011

✓ March 2011

✓ April 2011

___ May 2011

___ June 2011 > NOT IN CUSTODY

or

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rejected *Prison Legal News* journals addressed to me; or

___ I **RECEIVED** written notification **EVERY TIME** the Columbia County
Jail rejected a *Prison Legal News* journal addressed to me; or

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8. I am currently a prisoner at the Columbia County Jail; I have been a prisoner in the Columbia County Jail since:

15. Oct, 2010. out May 13, 2011, Back in June 12 2011
[day] [month] [year]

9. I declare under penalty of perjury under the laws of the United States and the State of Oregon that the foregoing is true and correct to the best of my knowledge.

DATED this 24 day of August, 2011 at St Helens, Oregon.
[month] [city]


Troy McCarter ; Signature

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that on January 31, 2012, I electronically filed the foregoing to the Clerk of the Court using the CM/ECF system which will send notification of such filing to the following:

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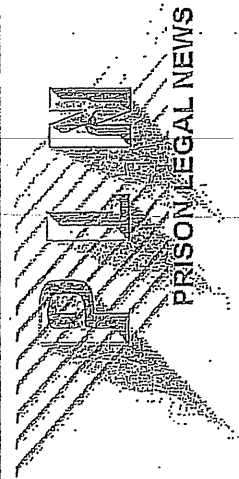
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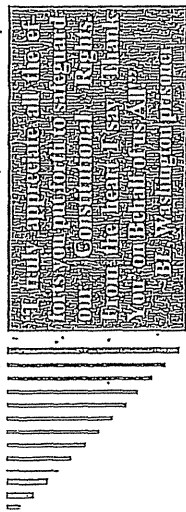


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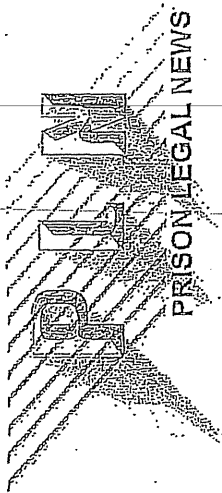
Starting Out! The Complete Re-Entry Handbook, edited by William H. Foster, Ph.D. & Carl E. Hohn, Ph.D., Starting Out Inc., 446 pages, \$22.95. Complete do-it-yourself re-entry manual and workbook for prisoners who want to develop their own re-entry plan to increase their chances of success after they are released. Includes a wide variety of resources, including a user code to the Starting Out website that can be accessed following release. 1074

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How to Win Your Personal Injury Claim, by Atty. Joseph Matthews, 7th edition, NOLO Press, 304 pages, \$34.99. While not specifically for prison-related personal injury cases, this book provides comprehensive information on how to handle personal injury and property damage claims arising from accidents — including dealing with doctors, attorneys and insurance companies. 1075

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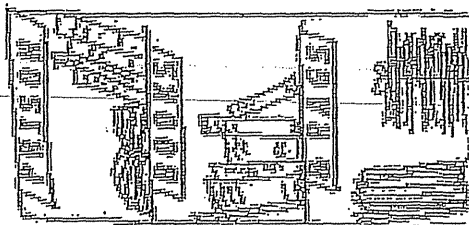
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Crime and Punishment in America, by Elliott Rudwick, 230 pages, \$16.95. Effective rebuttal to prevailing perceptions of prison building. Foreword argument shows that crime is driven by poverty. Debunks prison myths and discusses proven, effective means of crime prevention. 1019

Prison Madness: The Mental Health Crisis Behind Bars and What We Must Do About It, by Terry Kupers, Jossey-Bass, 245 pages, *Hardback only*. Prisoners: please include any required authorization form, \$32.95. Psychiatrist writes about the mental health crisis in U.S. prisons and jails. Covers all aspects of mental illness, prison rape, negative effects of long-term isolation in control units, and more. 1003

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No Equal Justice: Race and Class in the American Criminal Justice System, by David Cole, The New Press, 218 pages, \$19.95. Explains how the criminal justice system perpetuates race and class inequality, creating a two-tiered system of justice. 1028

The Prison and the Gallows: The Politics of Mass Incarceration in America, by Made Gotschall, Cambridge University Press, 451 pages, \$29.99. Great political analysis of the confluence of events leading to 2.3 million people behind bars in the U.S. 1069

The Habeas Checklist: Ineffective Assistance of Counsel, by Brandon Sample, PLN Publishing, 200 pages, \$49.95. This is PLN's second published book, which exclusively covers ineffective assistance of counsel-related issues in federal habeas petitions. Great resource for habeas litigation, and contains hundreds of case citations. 1078

Factor 8 (DVD), a film by Kelly Davis, Concrete Films, \$24.95. Movie about the Arkansas prison blood scandal, in which prison officials sold infected blood harvested from prisoners. Note: This is a DVD and cannot be shipped to prison. 1076

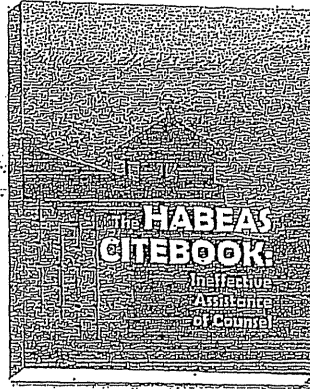
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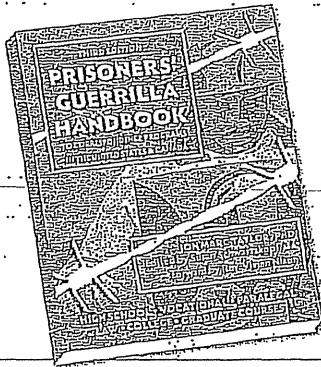
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Nationwide *PLN* Survey Examines Prison Phone Contracts, Kickbacks

by John E. Dannenberg

An exhaustive analysis of prison phone contracts nationwide has revealed that with only limited exceptions, telephone service providers offer lucrative kickbacks (politely termed “commissions”) to state contracting agencies – amounting on average to 42% of gross revenues from prisoners’ phone calls – in order to obtain exclusive, monopolistic contracts for prison phone services.

These contracts are priced not only to unjustly enrich the telephone companies by charging much higher rates than those paid by the general public, but are further inflated to cover the commission payments, which suck over \$152 million per year out of the pockets of prisoners’

families – who are the overwhelming recipients of prison phone calls. Averaging a 42% kickback nationwide, this indicates that the phone market in state prison systems is worth more than an estimated \$362 million annually in gross revenue.

In a research task never before accomplished, *Prison Legal News*, using public records laws, secured prison phone contract information from all 50 states (compiled in 2008-2009 and representing data from 2007-2008). The initial survey was conducted by *PLN* contributing writer Mike Rigby, with follow-up research by *PLN* associate editor Alex Friedmann.

The phone contracts were reviewed to determine the service provider; the kickback percentage; the annual dollar amount of the kickbacks; and the rates charged for local calls, intrastate calls (within a state based on calls from one Local Access and Transport Area to another, known as interLATA), and interstate calls (long distance between states). To simplify this survey, only collect call and daytime rates were analyzed.

Around 30 states allow discounted debit and/or prepaid collect calls, which provide lower prison phone rates (much lower in some cases). However, since other states don’t offer such options and not all prisoners or their families have access to debit or prepaid accounts, only collect calls – which are available in all prison systems except Iowa’s – were compared. Also, while telephone companies sometimes provide reduced rates for evening and nighttime calls, many prisoners don’t have the luxury of scheduling phone calls during those time periods.

Lastly, it should be noted that more

recent phone rates may now be in effect due to new contract awards or renewals, and while data was obtained from all 50 states, it was not complete for each category. See the chart accompanying this article for a breakdown of the data obtained.

PLN has previously reported on the egregious nature of exorbitant prison phone rates, notably in our January 2007 cover story, “Ex-Communication: Competition and Collusion in the U.S. Prison Telephone Industry,” by University of Michigan professor Steven Jackson.

How Are Phone Rates Regulated?

Domestic phone calls are generally divided into three categories: local, intrastate and interstate. The rates charged for these calls depend on several factors and are regulated by different authorities. Local calls are usually flat-rate within a small area around the call’s originating location; e.g., within the same city.

Local and intrastate calls are often regulated by state public utility or service commissions, which set rate caps. These caps are negotiated to allow phone companies to recover capital costs in a reasonable time frame while also satisfying requirements levied by the state. The latter include subsidizing low-income phone users, providing emergency communications for state agencies, and providing required phone coverage (such as emergency-reporting phone booths along major highways). Obviously, some of these state-mandated requirements are not in and of themselves profitable, so negotiation of rate structures includes recouping these otherwise nonrecoverable costs.

At the interstate level, phone com-

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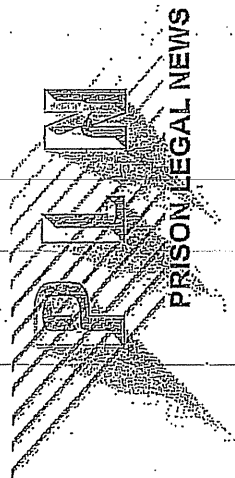
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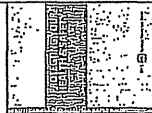
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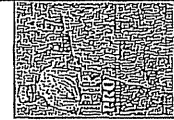
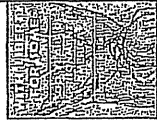
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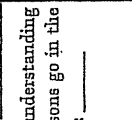
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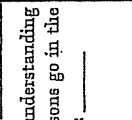
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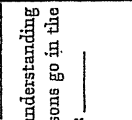
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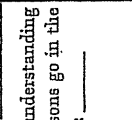
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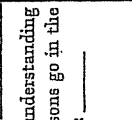
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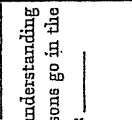
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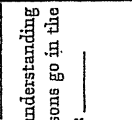
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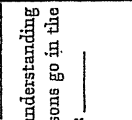
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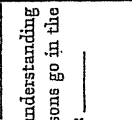
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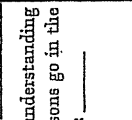
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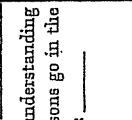
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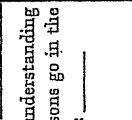
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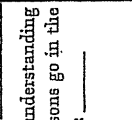
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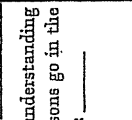
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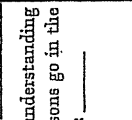
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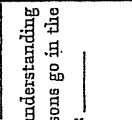
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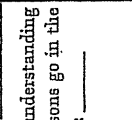
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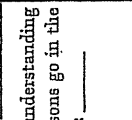
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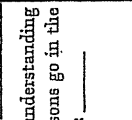
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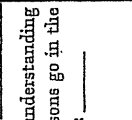
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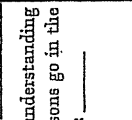
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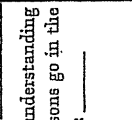
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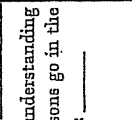
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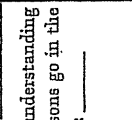
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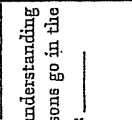
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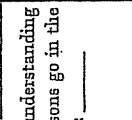
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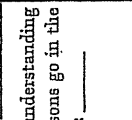
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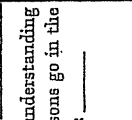
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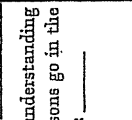
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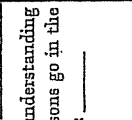
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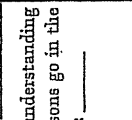
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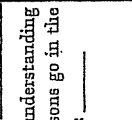
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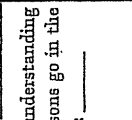
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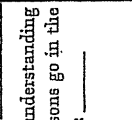
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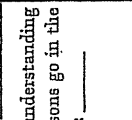
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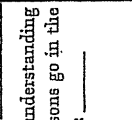
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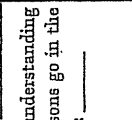
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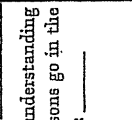
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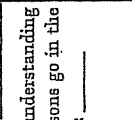
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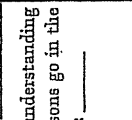
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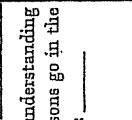
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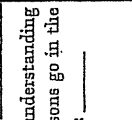
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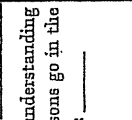
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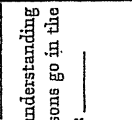
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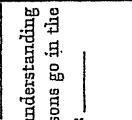
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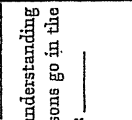
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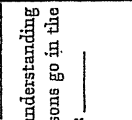
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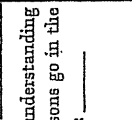
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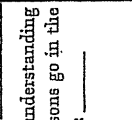
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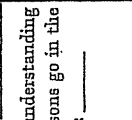
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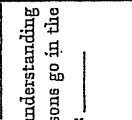
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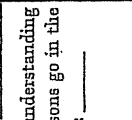
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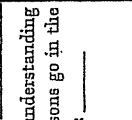
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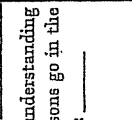
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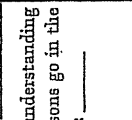
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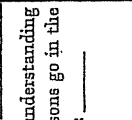
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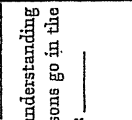
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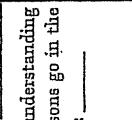
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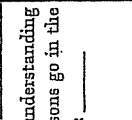
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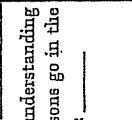
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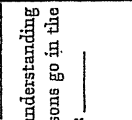
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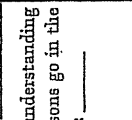
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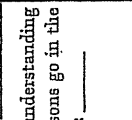
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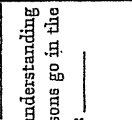
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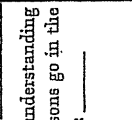
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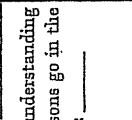
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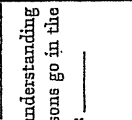
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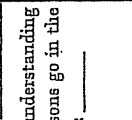
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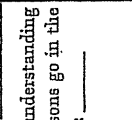
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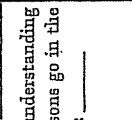
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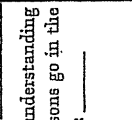
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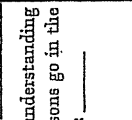
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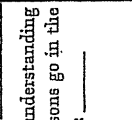
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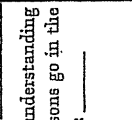
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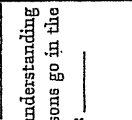
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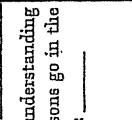
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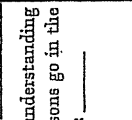
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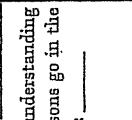
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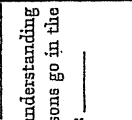
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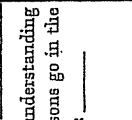
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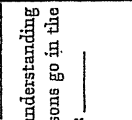
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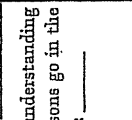
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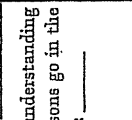
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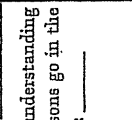
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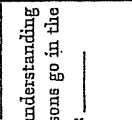
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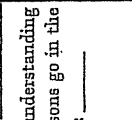
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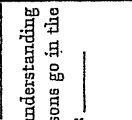
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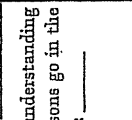
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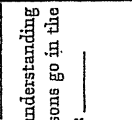
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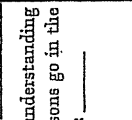
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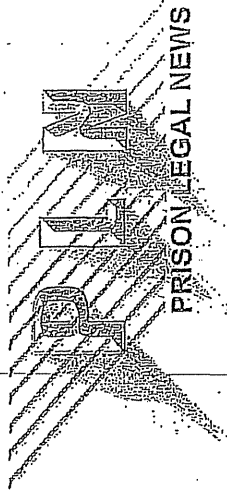
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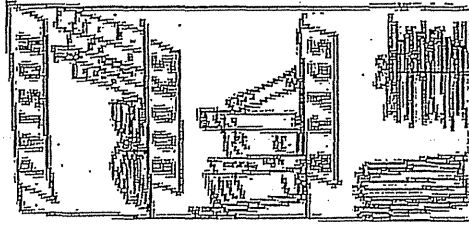
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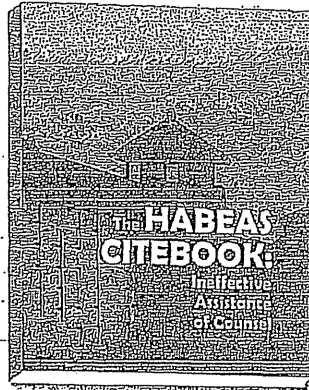
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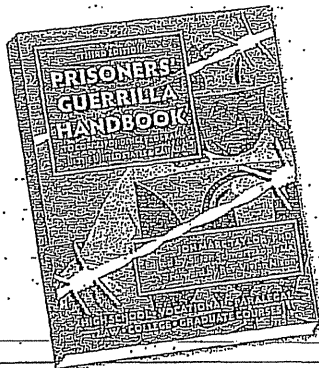
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