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»Daniel Hammarberg goes into great detail to describe the specific details of how life is like in Sweden. I have heard many who think that Scandinavian Socialism is the way to go. For those who are interested in the facts, then "The Madhouse" is a must. Thought the use of government to enrich peoples' lives was a good idea, read "The Madhouse" first!«

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The author has also worked with the Nordic Committee for Human Rights in bringing to the world's attention the state of child seizures in Sweden, such as the recent Domenic Johansson case, which along with a couple of others are covered in the book. Recently Domenic's father was jailed for withholding his son from the social services, and a married Christian couple was sentenced to nine months in prison this November for having used spanking as part of their child-rearing. Countries that ratify and implement the UN Convention on the Rights of the Child may suffer the same sort of tragedies as the ones that have taken place in this country.

The Madhouse

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alas, all your effort to salvage our family was for naught.

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... because its own government says so.

I mean, what can you say about a country whose state TV even has a running show called *Världens modernaste land*, "The world's most modern country?" A country that since 1945 has had a government propaganda agency called *the Swedish Institute*, with a yearly budget of \$30 million, with one of its stated goals being to "within the framework of public diplomacy create an interest and confidence in Sweden along with continuously evaluating Sweden's image abroad." A country that for the last half a century has thrown out accusations of human rights abuses against just about the whole world; as one British writer put it - "Internationally, Sweden is known for its main export being unsolicited advice."

The other year, an organization connected to the United Nations called *The Institute for Economics and Peace* started to publish something called the Global Peace Index, a statistic said to measure how peaceful countries are. It joined other dubious statistics such as the Press Freedom Index by *Reporters Without Borders* in presenting Socialist European states as success stories, while the USA is pretty much portrayed as a failed state. In the PFI, Sweden is ranked #1 in spite of laws criminalizing 'hate

speech,' while the USA in 2007 was ranked #48 in spite of probably being the only country in the world where the government is completely unable to imprison its citizens over political speech.

Just as in the so-called "Press Freedom Index," in the Global Peace Index, Sweden is ranked very high as well, #10 out of 149 countries in 2010. The USA is #85 this year. In 2007, the index gave an even larger difference - Sweden ranked #7 out of 121 countries, while the USA was at #96, beaten by such countries as Cuba at #59, China at #60, Mexico at #79 and crime-ridden Brazil at #83.

The value of the Global Peace Index was quickly endorsed by such men as CNN head Ted Turner, former President Jimmy Carter and former U.N. general secretary Kofi Annan. Endorsements by globalists and left-wing sympathizers make you a bit curious why the index is portraying the USA in such an unfavourable light - could it simply be because of an inherent anti-American bias in the index? Among the listed 'peace indicators' in the index are these:

Security officers & police - the fewer per population, the better ranking. Hence a country with no police force at all would be ideal.

Military expenditure - the less, the better ranking. Of course you'll have peace if you dismantle your military, everyone knows that.

Military capability/sophistication - the worse, the better ranking.

UN Peacekeeping Funding - if you're late paying your dues to the U.N., you lose ranking here. Now who would have guessed that the U.N. would favour an index containing such a post?

Access to weapons - the more disarmed the population is,

the better ranking. 9 out of 10 dictators agree with this one.

Jailed Population - the more criminals locked up, the worse ranking. Of course it's good if the murderers and rapists are out in the streets killing and raping people.

When taking into consideration just what the index is made up of, it's no wonder Sweden ranks high - the country has nearly dismantled its military and severely hampered its law enforcement, while gun laws are very restrictive.

As of 7 July 2010, one of the indicators is "Potential for terriorist[sic] acts." Now who can dispute that they must have done a good job with the index when there's even a typo in there?

Well, enough of these globalist indexes praising Socialist countries. Will you let the likes of Ted Turner, Jimmy Carter and Kofi Annan claim that Sweden is a much better country than the USA - that the USA is indeed one of the worst countries in the world? Or will you learn from this book what really hides behind the facade of the supposedly successful Socialist utopia? By reading this book, you'll learn just why Sweden has such a need of coming up with development indexes such as these - it's because of the simple fact that Sweden isn't a good country to live in.

To paraphrase American Socialist Lincoln Steffens: I have been over to the future of American society, and it doesn't work.



"Grabbarna som har snott en öl de blir värstingar bovarna i regeringen blir landshövdingar Sveriges lag har ju varit sån ända sen den kom att den gäller för dig och mig men inte för dem" "The boys that snatched beers they become juvenile delinquents the crooks in the Government become governors Sweden's law has been that way ever since it came that it applies to you and me but not to them"

Eddie Meduza, vulgar Swedish folk singer

To commence this work on the utter madness of contemporary Swedish society, I will first describe the justice system, the foundation upon which a civilized society rests, without which nothing exists but *might makes right*. Sweden's justice system never fully assimilated the Western thought that gave rise to the English common law in Great Britain and the USA, or the system of civil law with its roots in The Roman Empire. Instead it's an idiosyncratic hybrid partially consisting of the remains of the legal system from the days of the rule of kings; and as many debaters hint at but are somewhat afraid of putting in explicit terms - partially the kind of socialist law that was practised in the Soviet Union, where political aims defined a subservient legal system.

Sweden never became a constitutional republic unlike most other Western countries, and it has managed to shield its basic philosophy of government from the influence of the Enlightenment. The last serious popular uprising in Sweden was *Dalaupproret* in 1743, consisting of farmers marching to the capital of Stockholm, upset over the large numbers of their countrymen that had died during the recent wars. The uprising lacked leadership, however, and was struck down at Stockholm. Hence Swedish government power has never been overthrown since independence was achieved in 1523, the last half a millennium being an unbroken cycle of peaceful transitions of power.

One could say executive power has managed to stay in control of society by appeasing the masses when needed through political reform, but never actually surrendering the reins to the people. Up until a decade or so ago, the history of the Western world has for the last couple of centuries been one of liberation through the establishment of individual rights, with America setting the example for the rest of the world to follow. This process has had an impact on Sweden as well, when the people wanted the same rights and liberty that Americans enjoyed.

Somewhere along the line, however, the socialists appeared to learn a truly successful propaganda scheme; instead of the reactive responses to Western influences, they started aggressively marketing the country as a role model instead, ignoring traditional Western thought in favour of a socialist "third way." The world heard all about such concepts as an *ombudsman* as a watchman for the interests of the people, and later about the sexual radicalism that Sweden succumbed to during the 1960's, which made the country a positive example in the eyes of Western left-wingers.

So, how meaningful is it that a country can boast being the origin of the *ombudsmän*? And what are these *ombudsmän* like? Judging by their jurisdiction and their verdicts, not very reasonable at all, as we will see in the following sections, to be followed by a more serious discussion of the legal system.

HomO, the Ombudsman against discrimination on grounds of sexual orientation

Sweden actually had a special ombudsman for this kind of discrimination for a decade or so, mostly so complainants could apply for damages for the discrimination they felt they had been through. These are excerpts from some of the complaints sent to this ombudsman

I was suspended for being gay

Day-book number 408-2007¹

"A man filed a complaint to HomO that his membership of a so called Internet community had been suspended because he had threatened another member. According to the man, no threat had been expressed, but a conflict had arisen between him and the other member because of his homosexual orientation. The suspension meant that he couldn't keep in touch with his homosexual friends which comprised an encroachment of his sexual identity and his personal life. Because of the suspension, the man demanded damages for expenses, loss of income and mental anguish.

In his decision, the Ombudsman established that the man in his complaint had not accounted for any circumstances that pointed to that the decision to suspend his account had any connection to his sexual orientation. Hence there was no reason for HomO to go through with the man's complaint and the case was closed without any further action by HomO."

Damages for expenses, loss of income and mental anguish. Can you say... GAY? Sure would be interesting hearing the other guy's version too.

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/3853

The library won't let me watch gay porn!

Day-book number 23-2007¹

"A man filed a complaint to Homo that the municipality library in his town had put in a block in their computers which made it impossible for him to visit a certain so called Internet community for homo, bi, trans and queer people. In his complaint the man explained among other things that he had been told by a librarian that other visitors felt sick when he was watching naked pictures. He had then attempted to explain that the website in question wasn't pornographic but a so called "dating site." According to the view of the complainant it wasn't his fault that other people wanted to present themselves naked and he himself kept only appropriate pictures on the site.

In a statement to HomO, the municipality explained that for the use of the municipality's public computers there is a general ban on visiting websites with pornographic content or content that for other reasons may be found offensive. When the complainant had visited the site in question, on several occasions there had been other visitors reacting to images they found offensive. The library staff had then asked him to click away the images but he didn't comply with the wishes of the staff. After this had been repeated on several occasions, the municipality blocked the site in question. The block was lifted two weeks later, when they had found a technical solution that made it possible to automatically remove the images when the site was frequented from the municipality's public computers."

Homo's response:

"[...]Hence there is no reason to assume that the municipality's decision to temporarily block the website constituted discrimination."

Well... What could possibly be said about the case?

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/3848

Better watch what you say about homosexuality

Day-book number 124-2005¹

"Three students at a college filed a complaint to HomO that a teacher during a class had made derogatory statements about homosexuality and homosexuals. When the students then visited the teacher to discuss his statements he didn't appear interested in their opinions and how his statements had affected them. During these conversations as well, the teacher expressed discomfort and disgust towards homosexual relationships.

During contacts with HomO, the college declared among other things that the teacher in question mostly denied having expressed himself in the way claimed by the complainants. The college did however concede that the teacher through his actions outside the time of the lecture had subjected the students to a violation.

During deliberations between HomO and the college, there was an agreement according to which the college would pay 30,000 crowns (\$4,000) each to the three complainants. In the agreement, the college also regretted that it, through one of its employees, had behaved in an offensive manner. The matter was closed through the agreement."

This teacher was subsequently fired from his job, in spite of the complaint filed by the students having been a gross overexaggeration of the views he had really expressed.

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/3690

I'm not a transsexual, I'm a bisexual!

Day-book number 160-2006¹

"A bisexual man sentenced to involuntary psychiatric care filed a complaint to HomO that the physician in charge of him at the institution treated him based on the diagnosis of transsexuality, in spite of this being at odds with both his own opinion and a statement by forensic psychiatry. He felt discriminated against since his bisexual orientation wasn't respected and because he wasn't provided access to the same benefits given to other patients."

"HomO found that in what remained, no circumstances had been accounted for that made it appear that the treatment the complainant was subjected to, and that he felt was to his disadvantage, had anything to do with his bisexuality. HomO therefore found no reason to take any further measures in the matter."

So even in a psych ward, an LGBT person feels he's being discriminated against. Now if only the delusions of persecution entertained by gay activists out in society were exposed as equally baseless. And if all homosexuals and bisexuals were properly sentenced to involuntarily psychiatric care just like this man, the way they should...

Kidding, of course... That would be a huge waste of taxpayer money.

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/2540

Want a gay blow job as a tip?

Day-book number 470-2007¹

"A man filed a complaint that he had been subjected to harassment by a taxi driver after a taxi ride, who had made derogatory comments towards him, his girlfriend and another man. The complainant stated in the report that both he and the other man are transvestites and that they had been dressed in women's clothes at the time. According to the complainant, the taxi driver had at the end of the trip explained that he didn't want any tips from them and among other things yelled "f***ing fags" at them. During contacts with HomO, the taxi driver denied having expressed himself in the stated way. The driver also stated that the third passenger in the car had offered him tips in the form of a specific sexual service, and that he thereafter had said "I'm not gay, you f**k!

In his decision, the Ombudsman established that contradictory information had been provided about what had taken place during the taxi ride in question. Considering that the other man who had taken part in the trip hadn't wanted to participate in the investigation, and with the information provided by the taxi driver as background, there was according to the Ombudsman insufficient prerequisites for HomO to file charges in the errand that was therefore closed."

The cases where people file complaints even though it becomes evident that they might be guilty of criminal offences themselves (sexual harassment) are truly amusing.

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/4095

Sometimes truth is stranger than fiction

Day-book number 180-2008¹

"A man filed a complaint that a lottery required everyone who wanted to take part in the lottery to have access to direct debit. According to the man he lacked employment because of his sexual orientation which led to him not having a personal bank account or access to direct debit. With this background, the complainant felt that the lottery's requirement to have access to direct debit constituted discrimination because of sexual orientation.

HomO established in his decision that for a refusal to make available a product or service to an individual to constitute direct discrimination because of sexual orientation, a causal relationship must exist between the decision to not make available the product in question, and the sexual orientation of the individual. The circumstances the complainant has brought up - that it was impossible for him to satisfy the lottery's requirement for access to direct debit because of his lack of employment, and that his lack of employment in turn was due to his sexual orientation - could according to the view of the Ombudsman not be considered sufficient for the requirement that such a relationship exists to have been met.

Referring to what was brought up in the complaint there was no reason to assume that the man had been subjected to discrimination based on sexual orientation, the errand was closed without any further action on the part of the Ombudsman."

I actually feel a bit of sympathy for the HomO ombudsman over this one... How do people come up with these cases?

Some 320 complaints were sent to HomO between 1999 and 2009, when it was merged into DO, the Ombudsman against Discrimination, or at least that's the number that can be accessed

¹ http://www.homo.se/o.o.i.s/4041

online.

On top of the mentioned ones, no less than six complaints were about welfare application forms, how these only let you enter husband/wife or man/woman as the residents of one's household, not the more 'modern' forms of cohabitation. And LGBT activists always tell you that they're paying taxes just like everyone else...

(Day-book numbers 297-2007, 149-2007, 371-2006, 499-2003, 248-2003 and 30-2001. All of the involved parties agreed to change the forms in the requested manner as a consequence of these complaints.)

The parliamentary Ombudsman (JO) – A convict's best friend

In Swedish called *Justitieombudsmannen* (JO), which directly translates into the Ombudsman of Justice, this institution was established as part of the new constitution in 1809; its role being to monitor the exercising of power by the government and receive complaints by people who feel their rights have been violated. The idea was to provide the people with a counterbalance to the king's natural unconstitutional influence over government.

Though the institution itself has been lauded internationally as proof of how progressive and protective of human rights Swedish society is, very few citizens find they can get justice here, with plenty of expressions of dissatisfaction surfacing on the Internet. Other countries have introduced similar authorities in their own countries, inspired by the appearance of what the Swedish JO supposedly is. Earlier, the JO would prosecute authority figures who had neglected to abide by the law, but today it produces admonishments at best.

A particular demographic has however found the JO very obliging towards its requests - namely convicted felons. On the webpage for the Swedish Prison Service, www.kvv.se, there's even a link to the JO's webpage, with instructions on how to file a complaint. It doesn't cost any money to file a complaint, and you can even do it through E-mail. The JO webpage provides a form to use for complaints, but that's optional, you can write one freely too. The pdf document the form is in includes a "send" button that automatically sends the complaint to the JO. And can you believe it - the pdf document is available in English as well! And so are the instructions. To quote the instructions on the webpage www.jo.se:

"Who can complain?

Anyone can complain to the Parliamentary Ombudsmen (JO), you do not need to be a Swedish citizen or even live in Sweden

You do not have to reach a certain age before you can complain

Your complaint does not have to be about something that affects you personally"

"What information should a complaint contain?"

(Whom it's against, what's happened etc. No requirements on being specific concerning involved parties or such information, and no requirements on just what it should contain.)

"Attach **copies** if possible of any documents that help to show that the authority and/or the public official acted improperly"

(That's their bold emphasis, not mine. I guess they had a problem with people sending in original documents. Notice that it's not a requirement to send in any.)

"a written complaint should be **signed**"

Notice the absence of a "have to." I guess the bold emphasis of the word "signed" means that it's supposed to be a signature and not just some funny drawing you want to end your complaint with.

What follows here is just two days' worth of complaints by prison inmates, the two days before the initial draft of this section of the book:

I don't deserve to be in solitary confinement

Date of the adjudication: 2010-04-09

Registration numbers: 488-2009, 1830-2009¹

"Complaints against the Prison Service, Hällby institution, concerning solitary confinement of an inmate."

"In a complaint, arriving at the JO on the 29th of January 2009, A.M. complained about the way he's been treated and thereby expressed his dissatisfaction with having been placed in solitary confinement for four months."

Statement by the prison service:

"On 16 February 2009, A.M. was reported for threatening and assaulting an officer. From a written report concerning suspected mismanagement, it's clear from among other things two accounts that A.M. has requested to talk to a specific keeper. It's also stated that the keeper comes to the prison block to talk to him. By one account, it's stated that A.M. rushes into the guard room, where the specific keeper is residing, but that he's stopped at the door by another keeper. As this happens, A.M. is instructed to go into a dialogue room to sit down and talk. It's also stated that he attempts to pass the keeper, but fails. At the time of the failed attempt, A.M. asks "whose c**k are you sucking?" to then spit the sought-after keeper right in the face and exclaim "f***ing gypsy whore!" It's also stated that staff intervene and move A.M. back to his living quarters.

"The 12th of March 2009 at around 8:05, an inmate from the prison block requests solitary confinement for his own safety. The staff establishes that the inmate had visible injuries in the form of a knocked out tooth along with a thick lip. For forensic investigations, all inmates are solitarily confined. It's also stated

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=4753

that upon inspection of A.M.'s quarters, the staff find a pair of blood-stained pants, and the knuckles on his right hand are swollen and turned red."

JO's response:

"What's now been said means in my opinion that the institution on the 28th of September 2008 placed A.M. in solitary confinement without in the decision in any way relating to the legal requirements for the measure, something I consider very serious."

"I am very critical of the institution's handling in mentioned respects."

"The matter is closed with the serious criticism contained in what's been stated."

But doesn't this guy sound like someone who should indeed be in solitary confinement?

I need my mail on time!

Date of the adjudication: 2010-04-08

Registration number: 2344-2009¹

"Complaint against the prison service, Ystad jail, about the handling of mail to an inmate.

In a complaint to the JO, J.B. complained that Ystad jail had stalled in delivering a letter to him. The letter contained sound recordings from the trial in the district court which he was going to listen to with his attorney before the negotiations in the appeals court."

Statement by the prison service:

"Shift Officer Monika Eriksson states that she remembers the package addressed to J.B."

"She remembers that the package was addressed to his home address and that there was no sender."

"Unfortunately the electronics didn't work and the material couldn't be viewed in the newly acquired DVD player that had been purchased to manage most disc formats and USB memory cards. After the visit, Monika Eriksson followed J.B. to his room to see if the disc worked in his CD player."

Sounds like a pretty comfortable life in there, having your own CD player, as well as having the Shift Officer run errands for you.

"That none of the packages were forwarded to J.B. before the visit of the attorney appears to have been due to the communication between staff not functioning adequately, which is regrettable."

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=4747

JO's response:

"The prison service is under criticism for its handling of the mail in question."

How dare the prison chief tell an inmate to shut up?

Date of the adjudication: 2010-04-08

Registration number: 6741-2009¹

"Complaints against the prison service, Västervik Norra institution, about the treatment of an inmate.

In a complaint that arrived at the JO's office on December 1, 2009, T.B. expressed complaints about the institution and had among other things this to say. One time, Prison chief Richard Göransson told him he "wasn't wanted" and told him to "shut up."

Statement by the prison service:

"Prison chief Richard Göransson has stated the following, among other things. On the morning of November 26, 2009, T.B. was brought into his quarters to be interrogated, since T.B. had been behaving badly in the prison block. T.B. didn't seem the least bit interested in participating in this interrogation on the institution's terms but chose time and time again to interrupt him when a report etc. was to be read.

After the interrogation was over, Richard Göransson explained that it wasn't in question that T.B. would return to the prison block he was placed at before he was moved to Karlskoga institution. The reason for this was that T.B. himself had applied to leave since he didn't feel comfortable and wanted to be moved to a treatment centre. T.B. was placed back into Västervik Norra institution since it had available regular rooms which the placement unit thought was what benefited T.B. the most. T.B. didn't want to accept this but kept going over injustices and misfortunes that he had suffered at society's hands and by Västervik Norra institution.

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=4742

When he time and time again started over and tried to get T.B. to listen and be quiet, he uttered, somewhat annoyed, the following line: "T.B., how about you shut up for a moment and listen instead, so we can get this done."

T.B. immediately responded "Shut up yourself, you old f***!"

JO's response:

"Hence I share the opinion of the prison service about the unsuitability of Richard Göransson telling T.B. to 'shut up' and Richard Göransson can't escape criticism."

I can imagine what this response did to T.B.'s attitude.

Don't you dare messing up my dental care!

Date of the adjudication: 2010-04-08

Registration number: 4750-2009,4751-2009¹

"Complaints against the prison service, Västervik Norra institution, concerning the handling of requests for dental care etc."

"In two complaints, that arrived at the JO's office on 27 August 2009, T.B. expressed complaints about the institution and had among other things this to say."

Yes... This is the same T.B. as above. Adults who are not clients of the prison service are not entitled to the free dental care that convicts are. It requires quite a bit of audacity on the part of an inmate to send a complaint to the JO just because the routines for arranging dentist appointments outside the institution had left the inmate not informed about the scheduled time. The prison service explains when asked about the matter that the inmates can't be informed in advance when they have their appointments, since they might then coordinate escape attempts.

JO's response:

"I take seriously what has taken place, and the institution is under criticism."

This T.B. filed at least seven complaints (some other complaints on his part are referred to as well in these complaints, but these aren't to be found on the JO website) between June 2008 and November 2009, on such matters as a late food serving, a request for more furloughs, having to pay money for xerox copies

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=4744

inside prison and being assigned to work when he instead wanted to study. On top of this, in one footnote he complains about having to take part in a treatment program for convicted sex offenders when he maintains he's innocent. (Apart from mentioned ones, registration numbers 5451-2009, 4435-2009, 5754-2008, 3108-2008. Every single complaint led to the JO criticizing the hotel... oops, I mean prison T.B. stayed at at the time.)

Though these next three complaints weren't produced the two days in question, their silliness make them worth mentioning still.

You kept me locked up during breakfast!

Date of the adjudication: 2010-06-16

Registration number: 964-2010¹

"In a complaint arriving at the JO on 18 February 2010, inmates at section A of the Hall institution generally stated the following. On the morning of 12 February 2010 the institution staff forgot to unlock M.S.'s cell. First during breakfast at 8:20 his fellow inmates noticed he was missing. The institution staff then unlocked his cell. Because of what took place, M.S. didn't get breakfast that day."

Statement by the prison service:

"From the statements it's become known that the keeper started the unlocking at 7:45 in section 2. It only takes a couple of minutes since the section only has eight rooms. At 8:15, the staff is contacted by M.S. through the signal device in his cell, who then states he's still locked up. The keeper immediately heads there to unlock. She assures herself that M.S. is all right and apologizes to him.

Because of what has taken place a report has been made and an interrogation has been held with the keeper. The keeper can't state exactly what took place before the missed unlocking. Someone possibly initiated a conversation with her or she got distracted in some other way."

Response by the JO:

".... inmates at a closed prison may be locked up in their cells for at most twelve hours per day. Incarceration may take place at 19:00 at the earliest and 20:00 at the latest. Unlocking may take place at 6:30 at the earliest and 8:00 at the latest.

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=4948

The investigation shows that the unlocking of M.S.'s cell that day took place at 8:15 and therefore too late. It's obvious that it was an individual mistake that caused the delayed unlocking. Even if it is that way, it's not acceptable that the staff forget to unlock the door to an inmate's living quarters. The institution can't escape criticism for what has taken place."

Hall is one of Sweden's two highest security prisons. My, the inmates there seem to have it rough, occasionally not being served breakfast and having to complain to the JO because of it.

Male convict scared of female keeper

Date of the adjudication: 2008-09-25

Registration number: 900-2008¹

"V.S. has in a complaint, arriving at the JO on 19 February 2008, lodged a complaint against Kumla institution and stated the following. When he woke up one morning there was no yoghurt, and therefore he called keeper Ann-Sofie Karlsson and asked if she could contact the kitchen and request a litre of yoghurt. After the call the keeper forgot to turn off the communications equipment, and then she said "what a f***ing idiot, I could kill him" so that both he and other inmates heard it. He feels threatened and scared because of this event."

Statement by the prison service:

"When A-S.K realized that the communications equipment wasn't turned off, she went to V.S. to explain to him that the statement wasn't about him."

"No matter whom the statement was made about, the prison service considers it very serious that an employee states that she feels like killing someone. This is completely unacceptable and is in direct violation of the ethics and values of the prison service. This regional manager is therefore considering reporting the event to the staff disciplinary board of the prison service."

"A-S.K. has naturally been reprimanded and reminded over how highly inappropriate the statement was."

Statement by the JO:

"In my opinion it's still completely unacceptable that an employee in the prison service at all expresses herself in the way Ann-Sofie

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=3244

Karlsson has done. The conduct warrants especially serious criticism.

The Prison Service is currently investigating whether the event shall be reported to the staff disciplinary board at the Prison Service."

And Kumla is Sweden's toughest prison... I'm also appalled at the JO for not recognizing that the convict is harassing the keeper. In a sane society, a male inmate harassing a female employee would result in sanctions against the inmate, not the other way around. Though the text in the case doesn't give that many details, I'm inclined to think in terms of the kind of psychological terror rape convict Max Cady waged in the movie Cape Fear. The convict both told the keeper to get him yoghurt in a manner that seems to have stressed her out, and also filed a complaint with the JO against her. It's baffling how the identity of the convict is hidden, while the shamed keeper is explicitly named.

Cop killer crying about being transported by police officers

Date of the adjudication: 2006-06-30

Registration number: 2345-2005¹

I found this entry while looking for T.B.'s complaints, but this is obviously not the same person.

"T.B. complained that the correctional facilities Hall and Kumla on two occasions had handed the responsibility of transporting him between prisons to the police and that there during the transports hadn't been any staff from the prison service present. He also complained that the police officers, during one of the transports, had expressed themselves in a threatening manner towards him. He thereby stated among other things the following. At the end of January 2004, he received information that he was going to be transported from the Hall institution to the Kumla institution. He was therefore handcuffed and led to the transport car. To his surprise he discovered that there was only a police van present. When he had entered the van he also realized that there were only police officers in the van and no staff from the prison service. During the transport, the police officers told him that one of their colleagues had attended a course with one of the police officers he's convicted of having killed. They explained that he was lucky that this police officer wasn't present during this transport and that there was nothing that stopped them from beating him up if they wanted to."

Oh, poor multiple cop killer... Is there no justice in Sweden? A man who has killed several police officers has to be transported by angry police who threaten him, even though they never actually lay a finger on him.

¹ http://www.jo.se/Page.aspx? MenuId=106&ObjectClass=DynamX_SFS_Decision&Id=2576

Statement by the prison service:

(Lots of quotes on the responsibilities of the prison service towards inmates cut.)

"It can be established that the handling of the transports in question haven't been carried out in accordance with the directions of the prison service."

"The execution of the transports was handed to the police even though there was no constitutional support for such an action."

"No matter the formal deficiencies in the handling of the transports it was in this case according to the prison service suitable for them to be catered for by the police. It was a matter of transports of an inmate for which it requires an extensive security arrangement to avoid rescue attempts and similar. It's only the police that has adequate resources to secure that such high risk-transports can be carried out in a secure manner. The prison service should therefore have the option to request that the police take over the execution of a transport."

Statement by the JO:

"By they themselves having planned the transports, the staff in charge at the Hall and Kumla institutions have neglected [legal] framework in force. For this they can't escape criticism."

"Furthermore, in accordance with the regulation of the prison service, at every transport a transport leader in charge from the prison service's transport service has to accompany [the transport]. From the investigation into the matter it becomes clear that this hasn't been the case, but the responsibility for T.B. was handed completely to the police. This procedure as well is in violation of the framework in force and deserves criticism."

I wonder whom the families of the killed police officers can complain to... Instead of criticizing the prison service over mere nonsense, how about calling out this man T.B. for murdering these men?