

## Judicious?... or Self-Serving?? (postlude)

The STATS for the years 2006 - Sept. 2012 represent the number of NATURAL life decisions made during each year. They ARE NOT cumulative TOTALS.

The quotations from the SALT LAKE Tribune may be easily authenticated by anyone with internet access or a library card. The quote taken from E-mail between then Chairman Curtis Gardner and then Rep. Lorie Fowlke was found at: <http://col08w.col108.mail.live.com>, 4-24-2009.

In a recent article published in Rolling Stone Magazine (issue 1171, Dec. 6, 2012) Slow-Motion Torture (page 58) journalist Jeff Tietz features how solitary confinement (Maximum Security) has become standard practice in American prisons. The article focuses on the story of Brian Nelson, who was placed into Maximum Security even though Nelson had not evidenced THREAT to himself or to others. However, once built, these beds must be occupied. That is AXIOMATIC.

The article reveals some of the costs to the individual prisoners housed under Maximum security conditions.

The article also demonstrates some of the costs to society at large. At a cost of \$61,522. per year to keep a prisoner in MAX. as opposed to \$22,000. per year for other prisoners, one might question the irrational, greater cost of even building such facilities in the first place?