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After serving over 35 years within the Dept. of Corrections, I honestly have never seen some blatant malfeasance amongst ME Dept. of Corrections staff. When new facility in Warren opened (2001), the canteen closed at Thomaston due to outright staff pillaging from commissary and canteen area. As no cameras monitored that area. So 2001, we hire Pine State Vending Co. Being a dedicated advocate, not once have I read in newspapers, pursuant to Title 5 M.R.S.A. an advertisement seeking a vending company to submit a contractual bid for canteen revenues. Whoever obtain a canteen contract was purely a sham. Thank the lack of accountability towards State workers. OPEGA needs to thoroughly review reckless 'inmate benefit fund' expenses. 9 cents @ min. for phone cost is a severe hardship on families, esp. when D.O.C. is only paying 2.5 cents per minutes. Time to stop the staff from further ripping off those loved ones seeking to communicate with us caged felonies.