

I would like to nominate California prisoner Steve Brooks CDC # K-16234 for writer of the year. He has been working to change laws and policies that effect incarcerated people and has been making changes happen. He is also a current UC Berkeley local news fellow working part-time for Bay City News. Here is some of his 2023 work:

DEATHROW TRANSFERS FACE MIXED REACTIONS

<https://sanquentinnews.com/death-row-transfers-face-mixed-reactions/>

CANTEEN PRICE GOUGING

<https://sanquentinnews.com/basic-act-takes-aim-at-canteen-price-gouging/>

OFFICERS FACE MENTAL HEALTH ISSUES

<https://www.marinij.com/2023/02/06/marin-voice-help-reduce-mental-toll-on-correctional-officers-by-losing-some-california-prisons/>

GOV. NEWSOM'S PLAN TO BUILD A MEGA REHABILITATION BUILDING

<https://www.marinij.com/2023/06/25/marin-voice-from-inside-san-quentin-newsoms-plan-doesnt-hold-up/>

COVID CRISIS CONTINUES

<https://prisonjournalismproject.org/2023/02/24/its-still-a-covid-19-emergency-in-here/>