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OUR GOAL

With each issue of the Texas Tea Newsletter, we are determined to provide news articles and information for those currently held in Civil Commitment in Texas and other states across the country. We hope to bring awareness to the differences between

what lawmakers portray Civil Commitment to be and the harsh reality that is kept from the public. Through the efforts of the released, loved ones, and those still kept behind razor wire fences, we will shed light upon the unjust situations within these "treatment facilities".

EDITOR'S CORNER

Hear what the editor has to say about this month's issue, encouraging words, and updates on future releases.

WHAT IS BREWING THIS MONTH?

Check out an array of articles, cartoons, and what is new in the latest edition of Texas Tea Newsletter.

INSIDER NEWS

Read first-hand accounts of the atrocities within the Texas Civil Commitment Center in Littlefield, Texas.

EDITOR'S NOTE

Greetings, everyone! Welcome to another issue of the Texas Tea Newsletter. I am trying to stay up to date and on time. My life has taken on many changes recently and I feel a lot like the old story of country mouse and city mouse!

I was informed of the unfortunate passing of Mr. Donnie Bunn last week. It is truly hard to believe we have had four deaths in only three months. I do keep all of you in my thoughts.

Unity... it's hard to preach to y'all about being united in this fight when there are those who are free and those who are kept locked away. For whatever reasons, there are separate groups doing different things. To each their own. But let me tell you of the united front we do have! Mothers, sisters, wives, all coming together in the last year to share our stories and information about Civil Commitment in Texas and how much our lives have been affected. We are always reading information, emailing, calling, and sharing to try to make changes. Please continue to keep me informed on anything and everything going on. I cannot do this without you. Until next time, here is the tea.



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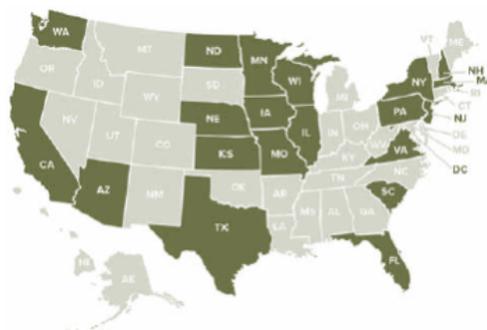
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CIVIL COMMITMENT: WHAT IT IS AND WHY YOU SHOULD CARE...

AN EXCEPRT FROM A CURE-SORT BROCHURE



"They were now 'civilly committed' for an indefinite period in a locked mental hospital, supposedly for their own good. The lie was that it was for medical care. They simply were civilly committed there on a theory 'that they might do it again.' As a husband and a father, I can see what we're doing, but as a judge I hate lying about it."

Judge R.A. "Jim" Randal
Former Justice of the
Minnesota Court of Appeals

WHAT IS CIVIL COMMITMENT?

Civil commitment is additional incarceration often after a person's entire prison sentence for a sex offense has been served.

People live in a prison-like facility consisting of chain-link fences topped by razor wire and patrolled by uniformed armed guards, background checks for visitors, monitored phone calls & mail and numerous other restrictions. Some civil commitment facilities offer sex offender treatment that may never be completed.

Civil commitment started in the late 1980's when 20 state's legislative bodies, the Federal Government, and the District of Columbia enacted these knee-jerk laws in reaction to several heinous crimes.

Civil commitment is based on the false premise that it is possible to predict whether or not someone might commit a future crime. The person is then considered guilty and imprisoned for crimes they have not committed.

THE FACTS

- Unlike criminal court, unfounded allegations and hearsay can be used in civil commitment proceedings.
- In some states you can be committed even if you have no criminal record.
- Almost all civil commitments amount to lifetime sentences.
- This incarceration is above and beyond the original criminal sentence (often "the maximum" allowed under the state law) the person already served in prison.
- Civil commitment costs taxpayers \$100,000 - \$300,000 each year, PER PERSON! This is 5-10 times the average cost of prison.
- There are almost 7,000 people currently being held in the United States under civil commitment laws.
- People have been committed for life for simple technical parole violations like being late for curfew or losing their job.
- Civil commitment facilities are cloaked in secrecy and hide their activities behind HIPPA, claiming it is a "mental health care facility."

FREQUENTLY ASKED QUESTIONS

Once a sex offender, always sex offender... there is no cure.

If that were true, then why waste hundreds of thousands of dollars per year for treatment? According to the Department of Justice, those with sex offenses actually have one of the lowest recidivism rates, 5.6% (compared with 67% for other crimes).

What do we do with the 5.6% who may reoffend?

Do what many States already do: charge the person with a new crime and, if convicted in a court of law, give them rational sentence following approved sentencing guidelines (which already factor in additional time for prior offenses). Sentence them to prison with a known "out date" instead of paying millions to warehouse them for life for potential future crimes.

But we can't just let sex offenders go free!

They already served their prison time. All those with sex offenses already have their DNA and fingerprints listed in a national database. They are subject to parole, probation, Intensive Supervised Release (ISR), sex offender registration (SOR), travel restrictions, GPS monitoring and/or conditional release (often for life). Each of those already includes extreme restrictions that govern where they can live and work. These are more than any other type of charge.

LISTEN TO THE EXPERTS

Our tax dollars are not being used effectively. It is time to revise current ineffective state statutes by listening to nationally recognized experts in the field of sex offenses. Sustainable restorative justice that restores individuals to productive lives must be supported.

The American Psychiatric Association vigorously opposes civil commitment after a prison sentence has been served.

"We were concerned that psychiatry was being used to preventively detain a class of people for whom confinement rather than treatment was the real goal. This struck many people."

Paul Appelbaum, M.D.
Chairman of the APA's Task Force
on Sexually Dangerous Offenders

"First we stigmatize a group...then we restrict that group's rights...then we take their persons...then we try to eliminate them through lack of care in hopes they die... That is the final step. This is the only step left for those accused of sex offenses."

Arthur Miller, Historian

WHAT CAN I DO?

The first is to educate yourself about the issues, reading this...is a good start!

This is a sensitive topic, but talk about it and share the facts with others.

Speak up when media outlets and politicians use fear as a means of leveraging harsher laws and greater restrictions, which are almost all ineffective and create a false sense of security.

The more informed the general public is about civil commitment, the better the chances for serious reform!

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EMBATTLED AGENCY'S DIRECTOR MAY GET AX

BY MIKE WARD AND ANITA HASSAN
APRIL 30TH, 2014

The embattled director of a little-known state agency at the center of weeks of controversy over Texas' civil commitment program for high-risk sex offenders could be out of a job by the end of this week.

Amid a growing controversy over the program that oversees the supervision of more than 300 of the state's most dangerous sex offenders, the three-member governing board of the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management has scheduled a Saturday meeting to take up the "evaluation, employment, appointment and/or termination" of Executive Director Allison Taylor, who has headed the program since January 2003. Aides to Gov. Rick Perry, who last week appointed a new board chair to help restore confidence in the agency, declined comment on Taylor's status Tuesday.

She has been on leave for the past week and was slated to give some indication Tuesday about her future plans, though no decision was announced on whether she planned to stay or leave her \$84,000-a-year-post.

Officials familiar with the situation indicated Taylor was looking at possibly taking other state jobs.

Taylor, who has refused to return repeated calls for comment by the Houston Chronicle since the controversy began a month ago, could not be reached on Tuesday.

Also on the agenda for Saturday's meeting is a review of a controversial plan by the Office of Violent Sex Offender Management to build a facility to house 50 to 100 violent sex offenders in rural Liberty County, a site that was the subject of a citizens protest meeting Tuesday night. Local officials, including state Sen. Robert Nichols, R-Jacksonville, and Rep. John Otto, D-Dayton, have called for the award of a contract for the construction and operation of a prison camp-like center to be cancelled.

The state comptroller's office did just that Tuesday, issuing a letter invalidating the contract.

Ron Pigott, director of the Texas Procurement and Support Services Division, said the sole bidder on the contract-GMW & Associates-claimed to be a limited liability partnership when it submitted its bid March 6, but did not incorporate to do business in Texas until March 12. "This means GMW & Associates did not legally exist at the time it submitted its proposal and the resulting contract is void," Pigott said in the letter.

Pigott also stated that Taylor and Celeste Blackburn, the agency's general counsel, were advised five days ago that the contract was void. Angry legislative leaders said Tuesday night they were never told, even though they had asked to be kept abreast of any decisions or rulings.

Advised of the letter, a furious state Sen. John Whitmire, D-Houston, chairman of the Senate Criminal Justice Committee, called for Taylor, the board and "any other employee of this agency who had anything to do with this contract" to be fired.

"The irresponsibility and apparent illegal acts of this director and board should be fully and completely investigated," he said. "This contract never should have been signed. We need a complete and total cleanout of this agency."

Taylor formerly worked as a state parole officer, Travis County jailer and rehabilitation therapist and holds a degree in exercise and sports science from Texas Tech University. She has been under fire since the Chronicle disclosed earlier this month that her agency had quietly relocated about three dozen violent sex offenders from a halfway house to an Acres Homes boardinghome in north Houston and an Austin neighborhood without advance to nearby residents or local lawmakers. Furious outcry from legislators and the public prompted the agency to move the Houston offenders back to a Beaumont Highway halfway house within days.

A week later, the Chronicle disclosed that the agency had negotiated and awarded a contract to a Houston company to build a new center for the offenders outside Dayton.

Liberty County officials, unaware of the plan for the facility until contacted by the newspaper, demanded the project be stopped and the contract be canceled. Amid questions over whether the firm qualified for the project, because it had never before run such a center, the state auditor's office, the attorney general's office and the Travis County Public Integrity Unit opened inquiries into the matter.

More than 100 Liberty County residents met at the Lazy B General Store in Dayton Tuesday night to express their opposition to the proposed facility. Among them were Wendy and Rodney Bode, who organized a Facebook group, "Liberty County Families Against Halfway House for Violent Offenders," which has grown to more than 1,650 members.

Told the contract for the facility, which would have been less than a mile from the couple's home, likely would not come to fruition, Bode said most residents still have concerns.

"Until it's a dead duckling, we're not going to stop," she said.

FOR THE FIRST TIME, A TEXAS JUDGE FREES SEX OFFENDER FROM CIVIL COMMITMENT

BY MIKE WARD AND ANITA HASSAN
DECEMBER 14TH, 2015

A visiting district judge in Conroe on Monday made good on his promise to release a man from Texas' controversial civil-commitment treatment for sex offenders, allowing a twice-convicted offender to walk free because of legal questions about how the program is operated.

State officials said state District Judge P.K. Reiter ordered Alonzo May to be released -- the first time someone has been fully released -- on the grounds it would be unconstitutional to keep him in the program.

Current law allows the state to keep offenders who are convicted of at least two violent sex crimes to be kept under supervision after they leave prison if they are deemed violent likely to reoffend.

State officials said they planned to appeal the decision, but had no option other than to release May, 56. He plans to return to Grand Prairie, they said.

The hearing came after May, ordered into civil commitment in 2013, challenged his transfer from Fort Worth to a confined facility in West Texas. This year's reforms to the civil commitment statute abolished the previous treatment program, which was supposed to operate on an outpatient model.



INSIDER NEWS

Retyped by A TCCC Resident

Lock Down

Wednesday, January 19, 2022, E3 was Locked down without testing. During the lockdown we were restricted without recreation, library, or group but the notion of treatment was not passed by some therapists who sent assignments that had nothing to do with tasks and targets tracking. It has been a very stressful two weeks and the cells and dayroom are getting very small with irritating attitudes rising.

During this so important lockdown, TCCC sent an E3 inmate to an off-site medical appointment and returned him to the wing and same cell without testing or quarantining him. And, TCCC staff comes and goes in and out of contaminated areas and then comes into E3 without changing medical safety suits.

Wednesday, February 2, 2022 at about 10:30 AM TCCC Medical performed the first COVID testing on all E3 inmates. Three tested positive. No E3 inmate is exhibiting symptoms and those three inmates didn't even know they were positive. With this test information, no action has been taken. Yesterday we didn't even know who might be infected, and today we know but nothing is being done to protect the rest of E3 inmates. We're just sitting ducks in a culture petri dish.

We're still locked down without recreation and other important activities two years after the pandemic began. TCCC has not adapted to operating with the endemic virus. Let's not forget we still have the cold and flu virus in the facility and no one is testing and locking buildings down.

People get sick and surely some will perish, but we are human beings with lives to live at some quality of life.

Please lift the lockdown and quarantine the inmates that tested positive for the health and safety of the other E3 inmates and the whole facility. TCCC should use the information they have to make responsible and careful decisions about lockdowns and restrictions.

It's no wonder some of the inmates have been infected and it's amazing that even more haven't tested positive with these incompetent and irresponsible COVID practices. TCCC isn't trying to reduce risk of exposure, they're accelerating it.

"My Twilight Zone"

I'm down to the last eighteen months of my two ten year sentence that ran concurrent; I'm told to pack up that I'm on chain. The question is, where am I going? The only thing that comes to mind, and the rest of the inmates that I associate with is pre-release. The only answer that the C.O. can give to me is Huntsville. At this point in time, I'm hopeful, ready to start my life over, and ready for positive change. Once I arrive at the Walls Unit, the officer usually can tell a person what unit you're on your way to. I'm told Goree Units. After being housed on a transit wing on Goree, that night I was given a lay-in and the appointment was for something that I had never seen before. So needless to say my anxiety level was on ten. Other inmates and my celly asked what my lay-in was for. The next day I go to my lay-in and it's around ten of us that's lined up to be taken out to the education building. We were given numerous 30 minute and hour to two hour long tests or evaluations on 10-24-2007. These tests were the Personality Assessment Inventory (PAI), Static 99, PCL-R, and MnSOST. I remember sitting next to an old school black man that seemed real respectable and humble, but I noticed that he was going down the multiple choice sheet making the same answer. I was like, "Are you just marking anything?" He laughed and said, "Yea". I was like man you might not wanna do that. His answer was, man, they are gonna do what they wanna do anyway. Years later, I've come to see and believe that Mr. Willie Brooks wasn't lying about that.

So when called into this office after taking all of these tests, a woman named C. Washington CM IV interviewed me. Oh, she was real good, she played the nice person role I see now to get me to open up and make me feel comfortable to open up about personal family issues from my past and the things that I experienced while growing up. Damn fool I was to expose the things that nobody knew about just for them to use against me. They didn't know that at the ages of 10,11, and 12 years old that I lived through watching my mom suffer through domestic violence. They didn't know that I smoked my first joint and drank my first beer at 12 years old. They didn't know that I sold my first piece of crack rock at the age of 12 so I could make sure me, my younger sister, and infant brother would have something to eat cause my mom sold all of her food stamps for drugs. All these people knew was that I had two sex offenses and that I was about to get out of prison. I was what Mr. Hayden would call, honest to a fault, and my truthfulness is what hurt me. Now I understand

clearly when my family would say, "Some things just ain't for everybody to know." You can say what you want about being transparent, once it's used against you, it's hard for a person to believe that by being transparent will be helpful. Especially with me who has been dealing with trust issues since a teenager.

While at Goree, I took three or four different tests. I took the PCL-R which I scored a 15, which is considered a low score. I took the Static 99, which I scored a 1, another low score. I also took the MnSOST, which I scored a 12, and it says that a person's score has to be a 13+ to be referred for Civil Commitment. Since being in the program, I've always had the want to understand what it is that these people use to justify putting someone in this program. I did notice that in at least three questions on the MnSOST was answered wrong and if those answers would have been answered correctly my original scores would have been an 11.

So, I went through at least two weeks of sitting on this unit, my interview date 10-25-2007, and evaluation overview 11-5-2007, draining me mentally, emotionally, and physically. I remember Ms. Washington asking me at the interview with her she asked me, "Do you think you need sex offender treatments?" I knew in my heart that I needed some type of treatment, but I answered "No." In my mind I didn't want to stay on Goree Unit, I just wanted to go back to my unit and finish my time and go home. Finally, I was sent back to my unit. Once I got there the questions started, what happened, where did you go. In this type of situation, it's hard to ask for help from peers because the judgement on liars comes into play. In my mind I was hoping that it was over with, but that was far from what it would be.

To be continued.

Mr. Nobody
Mr. Undesireable
Mr. Hated By His Peers

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ANY TDCJ RESIDENT

March 9th,2022

CORPORATE/GENERAL COUNSEL

Management and Training Corporation-[MTC]

Greetings,

With All "Un"Due Respect, Who In the Hell does MTC think they are to STAMP "Mailed From a Secure Treatment Facility" On MY/OUR Outgoing Mail. I spoke with someone who just got back from a TDCJ-CID Unit, and They told me that the TDCJ Units tried to do this, but were (After some Saber Rattling and an USPS - USPIIS Investigation) TOLD that They could not do this. I also spoke to My/Our Core Attorney on 3/8/2022, and he agrees this is Highly Improper for a Private Corporation to think they had an > Implied Okay < to Do. > > The Precedent about this type of thing, Oddly Enough, Came from the U.S. Department of State trying to put "Their Message" on Passports. No Entity ,Be They GOVERNMENTAL +/or NONGOVERNMENTAL has the Legal Right to Force a U.S. Citizen to CARRY THEIR MESSAGE. **NOW,This Particularly Gets My Goat, as I was about to send Real Estate Related Material to RE/MAX. for a F/B/O ^*My Daughters^* Matter [I Do Such Things as Part of Financially Uncompensated Assistance to Lower Legal Costs and For a Place I intend to //// If MTC +/or TCCO- Does not Kill Me First\\ \\ Retire at.] I have worked with Lease-Option & Lease-Back Arrangements since the Late 1980s. Your Ignorant Little Red Colored Stamp,probably would have DeRailed the Deal. to Pre-Death Benefit My Kin. (And to Think, I just stopped PAYING -Legal and Business Professionals I know, to Author and Send Business Related Material about a Month ago to Cut Costs.)

I know if the U.S.Government was NOT Allowed to do this, as Part of an International Megan's Law Campaign + the TDCJ-CID was told IT Could Not Place such a Message on the Outside of Correspondences, No Bunch of Glorified Mall Cops - Penal System Mindset Private Corporation Entity, is going to get away with this, Without One Hell of a Fight in the Court(s) and ANY Agency that I/We can find that will listen to the Next Phase of Discovered Abuses & Exploitations, by MTC-TCCO/(BCDC) Administrators.

Please Be Advised that I/We will be seeking Every Legal Avenue Available to put a STOP to MTC Prejudicing My Mail, [+ Similarly Situated Residents' Mail }-Before the Recipient even Opens it. I have EXHIBITS showing that Correct Care & Wellpath Did Not Invade My/Or Sanctity of the United States Mail, in the Past, Nor Did MTC until just a Few Weeks Ago. [I send Out STING Correspondences almost every week]

Submitted By :A TCCC -Treatment Center Resident

By a TCCC Resident

I am writing this in hopes that my story gets out as I am attempting to reach out to somebody for help. My name is REDACTED and I am a resident at the Texas Civil Commitment Center – sex offender treatment program.

I arrived here in March 2017 as a Tier 2. Dispite all the negativity I was hearing and being told, I made a choice to surrender to treatment. Do what I need to go home. I went through the program with an open mind. As I did, I learned so much about myself. On 7-13-2020 I made Tier 4. Passing all polygraphs, maintained employment, and focused on my assignments is all I did at the time. The following year on July 19th, 2021, I am 100% completed with the Tier 4 program. Making me the 1st inpatient, the youngest, and I stayed in the trailers known as Foxtrot. Upon completing my assignments, I put together a resume, budget plan, and high risk plans in perparation to go to A.G.E. (Advance Group Environment). I was excited. However things took a turn for the worse. From that point I became a target by TCCO.

It started on August 23rd, 2021 when my case manager REDACTED, took my cell phone for contacting an attorney. A week later she gave it back. She tells me not to call her, message her, or go to her office. For me to write a communication form going forward. Additionally, she replied on communication forms not to contact any courts, or courthouses. During the time she took the cell phone, she told my family that I will be held back 6 months, I must have an illegall cell phone, and she knows how inmates are. Of course she denies everything. However I brush it off.

She then tells me my memo for A.G.E. is on hold for her to decide when she believes I am ready. Again, I am 100% done with Tier 4. I keep my composure. Although I disagreed, I could do or say anything to her to change her mind. Anxiety and mistrust started to take place. All while walking on eggshells, I didn't react negative towards her. Even when I should see other clients of her call her and message her when she told me not to. My self-esteem took a blow, and it was from the one person who is supposed to help me get out of here. Now this is when everything fell apart. Where hopelessness set in.

October 23d, 2021, Saturday morning I am on my bunk with tears running down. That year, I shed more tears than my entire life. I cannot remember the last time tears flooded my eyes. On two dates 1-11-21 and 10-23-21 my daughters birthdays. In January it was an unbelievable flow of hot heavy tears that lasted 8 hours! Prior to that year, I would stuff and bury the emotions. I guess I finally broke and let out my emotions all at once. October was not so bad. During that morning I made a statement via text to my sister and mother. Who are of course approved contacts. "Happy 17th Birthday Love Your Father". Six words that gave enough convincing to my case manager that I contacted the victim. On November 4th I am in solitary confinement. I am taken to speak with Lamb County Sheriff Deputy REDACTED about the allegation. My case manager requested a warrant. I never left the facility. I complied and gave any information the investigator needed.

November 8th, 2021, case manager goes to see me in solitary confinement with a smile on her face with the incident report indicating that I violated rule 4 (agree not to indirectly or directly contact the victim). Along with Tier demotion paperwork. From a Teir 4 with Teir 4 privileges to Tier 2 with Tier 1 privileges. I told her I never contacted the victim. My family and I have not had any contact in over 15 years. She was not hearing it, and left. She violated due process and jumped the gun because she was positive I was going to prison. November 10th, Wednesday I go to B.M.R. (Behavior Management Review) by MTC and I am giving restriction. All this happened while I am still being investigated by Lamb County.

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Needless to say, around 10 mins. Later I am being called back. The investigator deputy REDACTED tells me there is no evidence or probable cause to continue with the investigation. No criminal charges will be filled and it did not even make it to the grand jury. TCCO and MTC found me guilty before the investigation was completed.

I've gone through the grivence process with no luck. I still have an ankle monitor on and I still have the same case manager – REDACTED. I was facing 25 to life. I also have collected paperwork to file. I was given a certain amount of assignments in order to regain my Tier 4. Starting with Tier 1 assignments. All while remaining in my original Tier 4 group. Remember I am 100% completed with the program, and I say that because my case manager has told me repeatedly she is going to continue to hold me back at least a year and a half. I have submitted numerous times to schedule an attorney phone call and puts me off. I have paperwork to show, My therapist REDACTED has been helping me with this incident. I have nothing bad to say about him. He conducts himself with ethics on professionalism. I not only completed the Tier 1 assignments, Tier 2 assignments, I have started the Tier 3 assignments. I will continue to comply with the treatment; however, I will also fight for what I believe in. It is not right that I am being punished for something I did not do. Lamb County contact the victim's mother as well. TCCO is using this to hold me back because I was almost going out the door. Law enforcement said I did NOT contact the victim, but TCCO/MTC says I did. Although TCCO is spinning it by saying I attempted or it appeared to be an attempt to contact the victim. The case manager - REDACTED will continue to hold me back and is just waiting for something to happen to use against me. Before Thanksgiving she removed all my contacts and I couldn't call them until the following year. She didn't have anybody tell me. I was not told my contacts were deleted. This is far beyond sex offender treatment. I need help. I want to file a lawsuit but don't know how or who to contact. I believe with the highest of confidence I have a good case that will not only help me, but will help others as well. Deny access to courts,

violation of due process, denying me a right to counsel, mental anguish, pain and suffering, etc. Most of the paperwork is done. It just needs to be filed by an attorney. If they – TCCO did this to me, they will do it to somebody else, or worse. Something has to be done. TCCO never investigated the incident on 11-4-21.

This is only a summary of what happened to me. I feel like I covered all the important facts. Please feel free to contact me and make an attempt to fight or correct an error that TCCO refuses to admit. Remember I am solely writing about my situation in hopes of my story reaching news stations, because I'll be happy to do an interview. Until then I will do what I can. For those who read this I warn you to "not" give TCCO the perception that you are doing something wrong.

A Personal Story

For Whom It May Concern...

For over 30 years, I have had a Dear Friend, who, has unfortunately been in the TDC System since 1996. Knowing my Dear Friend, it is the opinion of family and friends, a woman's spite was put an innocent man in prison.

In 2016 my Dear Friend had completed his sentence in TDC. Surprisingly to him and family and friends, his time of confinement was being extended. There was a phase called Civil Commitment. No one knew how long that would last.

My Dear Friend has been at the Littlefield CCC for 6, yes 6 years after completing his sentence. There is no end in sight. His Mother died last year at 98, waiting for him to get out. This CCC has been run by several corporations. None seem to have Policy and Procedure guidelines. The same for running the Medical Unit. New tiers of treatments begin the again. It has become a cycle which makes it impossible to "graduate" out of CC. How the residents behave, that we've never heard of a riot there is incredible.

During my Dear Friend's confinement, he has again been at the mercy of an inept medical team. Depression, his back, his heart and his teeth are ongoing maladies. There are problems with dosing on meds, not being taken to VA appointments for his back. Lack of timely appointments for his teeth (which he pays out of pocket for treatment). During my Dear Friend's confinement he has seen 29 residents die, many in need of cancer treatment, dialysis, covid, heart disease.

He has seen 6 released. With the ratio of residents and length of confinement there, that is quite disturbing.

A resident was found dead Monday morning. My Dear Friend encouraged him to go to the medical unit. He was having trouble breathing and tachycardic. His skin color was pale. He was diagnosed with hypertension and made to stay for an hour.

As days went by, many noticed his skin color and lack of mobility. He kept stating he couldn't breathe. My Dear Friend and others urged him to be seen by medical. He had an appointment for Monday, the 14th. The morning he was found dead. An ECG was never performed on him and most doubtful anyone listened to his chest. Medical basics with the resident's complaints and skin coloring, which was gray. My Dear Friend called me Sunday evening to tell me of his concern for the failing resident. Concerned that realistic, standard measures were not given to this patient while he was in crisis. He called me the following morning to tell me the resident was found dead.

Who is responsible when there is an unattended death at Littlefield? Who calls the coroner or any constabulary? JP? Will he (RIP) simply go to a morgue without investigation?

I was a medical professional and a Hospice volunteer. I know much of death.

It is of concern to me that a thorough investigation be executed by a reliable State agency. It is my belief that the CCC is a for profit warehouse for inmates who have served their court given sentences and has no interest in releasing from their confinement and should be closed down promptly.

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A SPECIAL ANNOUNCEMENT

Mark your calendars! There will be a PUBLIC AWARENESS EVENT on April 9th at 10:30 A.M. outside of the Texas Civil Commitment Center at 2600 South Sunset Avenue, Littlefield, TX 79339. This event will be to raise awareness for the injustices and unconstitutional acts that take place within this "treatment facility". Be sure to notify any and all friends, family members, and prominent figures to help us in making this rally truly impactful. We appreciate all of the support and encouragement we have received thus far, and this will be the first of many gatherings to inact change within this corrupted system. If you need any additional information, please contact Jennifer Williams at jlouwilliams2010@yahoo.com or Mandi Harner at mandilharner@gmail.com.

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