

# texas tea newsletter

A home-brewed publisher devoted to exposing the secrets of the Texas Civil Commitment Center in Littlefield, Texas.



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## let's spill the tea

By the Editor

Hello everyone! Welcome to another issue of the Texas Tea Newsletter. Advocates continue to put in work and make noise. On September 29<sup>th</sup>, a handful of us attended a Health and Human Services Budget Request and made impactful speeches. We were speaking out against the monetary requests made by TCCO for the 2024-2025 years. It was an educational and emotional experience. Afterwards, a couple members cornered Deputy Director Marsh and Executive Director McLane in the halls of the Capitol. Coming up next for the group is a TCCO Board Meeting in Austin scheduled for November 16<sup>th</sup>. These meetings are open to the public and TTN will be in attendance again!

“ If you wrong us, shall we not seek revenge? ”

**William Shakespeare**

## 34 US Political Prisoners in DC Gulag Demand Transfer to Guantanamo Bay to Escape Intolerable Conditions in Heartbreaking Letter

By **Jim Hoft** | October 22, 2022

Thirty-four US political prisoners of the Biden regime penned a very sad letter this week requesting a transfer to Guantanamo Bay, Cuba facility where they would receive meals, sunlight, freedom of religion, exercise, entertainment, and be treated like human beings.

These thirty-four January 6 political prisoners have been held for over a year and a half without trial for misdemeanors and trumped-up felony charges.

This group of men have been isolated, beaten viciously, abused, threatened, tormented, and belittled by the guards based on their political and religious beliefs.

The men and women have been without medical assistance, medications, exercise, and most of these men have been held in isolation with little human contact for months at a time.

This is America's future if the good people of the country do not stand up and demand an end to this injustice.

These men and women know that if they were to be moved to Gitmo they would not have flooded toilets, mold, flies, and frequent beatings.

Here is the original handwritten letter to the Garland Department of Justice:

When one considers a society that distinguishes itself upon the standards of a "First World Country" allocation among the other numerous Nations around the globe, while informing its citizens that they belong to a country that ensures "Liberty and Justice for All", it's difficult to imagine then, that The United States

of America, supposedly the wealthiest Nation on the planet, would subjugate its own citizens to that of incarceration and injustice instead, all while administering medieval standards of living to the agonizing occupants of its "Correctional Facilities".

A more accurate terminology to describe the facility and the staff that this letter has escaped the clutches of that you now read, would be to call this location an "Evisceration Facility", of the body, mind and soul, operating as an abomination to The Law and to its Nation's Government, which ironically *lies* only a handful of blocks away.

For nothing is being corrected within the forsaken concrete walls of The District of Columbia Jail. Its woeful captives are all but slowly murdered in every way except for their very soul being ripped from their famished chests on behalf of this mercilessly sinister institution.

As prisoners of this Jail, we have witnessed the horrendous treatment and have been personally afflicted by the hellacious conditions this Jail insists on tormenting its traumatized guests with.

Though words will always fall short of an accurate depiction of the magnitude of pandemonium that every prisoner within these walls has had no choice but to endure, what follows is a collection of repeated offenses this Correctional Facility habitually submits upon its captives. For if this pale dungeon of Human Rights Violations dared to summon any honesty of hard choice pertaining to the abhorrent atrocities that take place behind these unforgiving doors, they should erect a sign above the front gate that says, "Abandon All Hope, Yee Who Enter Here".

The destitute and desperate prisoners of 1901 D St. SE, Washington D.C. 20003 have and will continue to endure a combination of any and all of the following:

- Begging for Help / Water / Medical Aid / Mercy through a 4 inch by 10-inch window of cold metal doors
- No Visitations
- No Religious Services
- No Attorney Access
- Mail delayed 3-4 months prior to delivery

- Laundry returning with brown stains, pubic hair, and or reeking of ripe urine
- Worms found in salad of “Meals”
- Inadequate calorie count of “Meals”
- Complete lack of nourishment in “Meals”
- Loss of Head Hair due to malnourishment of “Meals”
- Loss of Eye Sight due to malnourishment of “Meals”
- Suffering from Scurvy due to malnourishment of “Meals”
- Blatant extortion via commissary in order to maintain health and or body weight
- Rust in the Water
- Rust in jagged metal desks in Cells
- Rust on metal cages near face on small windows of Cells
- Black Mold on walls of Cells
- Black Mold on floors of Cells
- Black Mold in vents of Cells
- Broken Sinks in Cells
- Broken toilets that either wont flush or repeatedly explode in Cells
- Cockroaches in Cell / Cell Block
- Mice in Cell / Cell Block
- Black Mold on floors and walls of showers in Cell Block
- Black Sewer Flies in the Shower
- Denial of basic cleaning equipment to sanitize Living Space
- Denial of personal grooming allowed, forced to use Nair on head and face that leaves chemical burns on skin
- Stuck in Cells for 9 days without shower
- Improper Medical Care
- Medical Care arriving months later, or none at all!
- Lead Paint inside Cell / Cell Block
- No Access to Discovery
- No Legal Support such as laptops, printers, copiers
- Denial of Legal Mentors
- Vaccine Requirements for Visitations
- Vaccine Requirements for Visitors
- Vaccine Requirements for Haircuts
- Vaccine Requirements for Religious Services
- Vaccine Requirements for speaking with Lawyers in person
- C.R.T. Propaganda on Tablets
- Re-Education Propaganda on Tablets
- Lack of Legal Documentation on Tablets
- Racially Biased information on Tablets
- Removal of Internet Access / Booster for Educational Tablets
- Solitary Confinement for 25 ½ hours or more at a time
- Outdoor Rec denied arbitrarily
- Entry to Congressmen & Women who came to check on us Denied
- Repeatedly Mocked and or Insulted for our skin color or “Religious” documentation
- Compared to “Beasts”, “Dogs” and “Hogs” by “The Final Call” Magazine
- Politically mocked by staff with Democrat, Black Lives Matter, Kamala Harris, Joe Biden related attire
- Sent to “The Hole” if we express any political views whatsoever
- Racially Profiled by Guards
- Sleeping on the job by Guards
- Denial of hot water by Guards
- Prevented from attending court dates by Guards
- Homosexual and or Verbal Assaults by Guards
- Maced by Guards
- Physically Harassed by Guards
- Assaulted by Guards
- Cell Invasions in the middle of the night by Guards
- Grievous Beatings by Guards Threatened with and or Nearly Stabbed with “12 Inch Knives”
- Trials Postponed for at least 6 Months or almost a Year
- Bond / Bail continually Denied
- Removal of Internet Access of Clear Tablets
- Removal of Access to Attorney
- Removal of Access to Law Library
- Removal of Access to Worship Services
- Removal of Access to Grievance Forms on Tablets

It is because of this extensive report of complaints and afflictions upon those held prisoners here in the District of Columbia Jail, that not only compel us to alert the world of the diabolical conditions this “correctional facility” continues to crush all of its detainees with, but also as political prisoners on American soil, who have been unjustly and unfairly incarcerated, relentlessly burdened by selective prosecution, slandered and vilified by mainstream and social media, deliberately

accosted with death threats from within the jail and received threats upon our homes and families through the mail, ALL extending from a political nature or affiliation, **We hereby request to spend our precious and limited days, should the government continue to insist on holding us captive unconstitutionally as pre-trial detainees, to be transferred and reside at Guantanamo Bay**, a detention facility that actually provides nutritional meals, routine sunlight exposure, top notch medical care, is respectful of religious requirements, has centers for exercise/entertainment for its detainees despite the fact that those residents are malicious terrorists, real members of the Taliban, and few are United States Citizens, instead of remaining trapped within the wretched confines of cruel and unusual punishment of the DC Jail.

Signed by:

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## The Mental Health Crisis Facing Women in Prison

By Manuel Villa | June 06, 2017

More than two-thirds of incarcerated women in America reported having a history of mental health problems — a far higher percentage than their male counterparts, according to a study released Thursday by the Bureau of Justice Statistics.

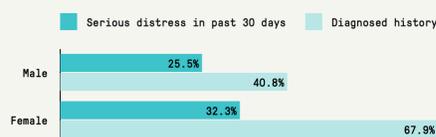
Although the prevalence of mental health disorders among people in prisons and jails is a well-known problem, the dramatic gender disparity exposed in the new report has been less discussed.

The survey, conducted from February 2011 to March 2012, asked more than 100,000 men and women in hundreds of U.S. jails and prisons whether they had ever been diagnosed by a mental health professional with a psychological disorder such as depression, bipolar disorder, schizophrenia, post-traumatic stress disorder or anxiety. The survey also posed questions about inmates' mood and emotions in the previous 30 days.

Thirty-nine percent of those surveyed said they had been diagnosed with a mental health condition. About 19 percent experienced an episode of serious psychological distress in the month before being surveyed.

When the data is broken down by gender, the differences are stark.

Percent of people in jail who reported mental health problems

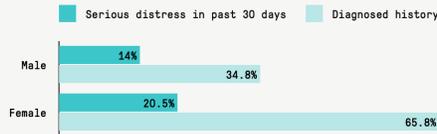


SOURCE: INDICATORS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS REPORTED BY PRISONERS AND JAIL INMATES, 2011-12, BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

Although women make up only 7 percent of the prison population, 66 percent of women in prison reported having a history of a mental disorder, almost twice the percentage of men in prison. And one in five women in prison had recently experienced serious psychological distress, while one in seven men had.

A similar gender imbalance was found among those in local jails. Sixty-eight percent of women in jail reported having been diagnosed with a mental health condition, versus 41 percent of men.

**Percent of people in prison who reported mental health problems**



SOURCE: INDICATORS OF MENTAL HEALTH PROBLEMS REPORTED BY PRISONERS AND JAIL INMATES, 2011-12, BUREAU OF JUSTICE STATISTICS

Experts don't fully understand why such a gender disparity exists. "I have never seen a study that establishes the reasons for this," says Ron Honberg, senior policy adviser at the National Alliance for Mental Illness. "Because of that, we can only speculate, but I believe one factor is that incarcerated women have experienced sexual trauma before their imprisonment at a much higher rate than men. They are also likely more inclined to report psychological distress to the prison mental health services than male inmates."

The Bureau of Justice Statistics' researchers also found a disparity between inmates of different races. More than half of the white people in prison, of both sexes, reported a diagnosis of a mental disorder, nearly double the rate for Hispanics and more than 1.6 times higher than black people in prison. The numbers for those in jails were similar.

This finding comes as no surprise to Dr. Robert Cohen, a member of the New York City Board of Correction. According to Cohen, who was director of medical and mental health services at New York City's Rikers Island jail in the 1980s, the survey responses may not reflect the actual number of inmates with mental health conditions.

Citing a 2015 study on New York City's jail mental health services, Cohen pointed out that at Rikers, "older white men were directed towards mental health services, while younger black and Hispanic men were directed to solitary confinement, and self-harm. I don't think that fact reflects different rates of mental illness, I think it demonstrates racial bias."

Advocates for the incarcerated argue that for all people in prisons and jails — more than 2 million people nationwide — mental health services are lacking at best. "Prisons and jails are not hospitals," said Eric Balaban, a senior staff counsel with the American Civil Liberties Union National Prison Project. "Not only they are not where inmates should be receiving mental health treatment, they are anti-therapeutic."



## Man Shows No Remorse for Fatally Shooting Registered Sex Offender, Deputies Say

By **Mitchell Carter, Jill Lyman and Emily Van de Riet** | July 29, 2022

A man in Indiana told deputies he has no remorse for fatally shooting a registered sex offender, authorities said.

According to the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office, 34-year-old Ricky Allen Kiper Jr. shot and killed 41-year-old James C. McClernon on Wednesday.

Investigators said Kiper knocked on the front door of a home, asked for McClernon, then shot him.

Kiper was caught about a mile from the scene, and an affidavit shows he admitted to shooting McClernon twice.

Officials said Kiper told them he killed McClernon because he was a sex offender. Investigators said Kiper was not remorseful, and he told them his actions were justified.

McClernon's family told WFIE that while McClernon was on the sex offender registry, it was for a situation that occurred more than two

decades ago in Canada. The family said McClernon got into an altercation with an adult woman, served his time, and was not placed on the sex offender registry in Canada.

McClernon's family said they did not understand why he was placed on the sex offender registry when he moved to the United States and were actively in the process of trying to get McClernon taken off the registry when he was killed.

A lieutenant with the Vanderburgh County Sheriff's Office said there is a chance the prosecutor will seek enhanced charges against Kiper based on his criminal record, as well as because of the use of a firearm in the crime.

Kiper is being held at the Vanderburgh County Jail without bond.



## Show of Support for Littlefield, TX Civil Commitment Detainees Was an Awesome Event!

By **NARSOL** | October 02, 2022

On September 13, Mary Sue Molnar and Phil Taylor of Texas Voices attended the FACTS (Families Against Committing Texans StandUp!) public awareness event at the capitol in Austin, Texas, to support the families who have a loved in civil commitment at the Littlefield, Texas Civil Commitment Facility. The FACTS group members were able to educate lots of people including legislative staffers. After the rally, some of the members visited the offices of their legislators, and those visits went better than expected. During some of our candid discussions with legislative staffers, we learned that they are aware that the civil commitment center in Littlefield owes an enormous amount of money to local hospitals. The hospitals, doctors, etc. have not been paid for the services they have provided to

the residents (inmates) at Littlefield. And there are so many more issues that need to be exposed and addressed.

Mary Sue read this statement of support from NARSOL:

From NARSOL, the National Association for Rational Sexual Offense Laws, to those who are incarcerated at Littlefield, you are in our hearts and on our minds every day, but on this day especially our thoughts are with you.

We stand with you in full support.

The post-prison incarceration under the guise of treatment called civil commitment is abhorrent, and flies in the face of human and constitutional rights. Its abolishment is one of NARSOL's goals and something for which we fight.

Stay strong, keep the faith, and keep fighting for the day when this sort of atrocity is wiped from the face of our nation.

The goal of FACTS for the event was for their voices to be heard, and they certainly were!



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