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February 1, 2023

Sheriff Paul Arteta
Orange County Sheriff's Office
110 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, New York 10924-6740

Re: Complaint # [REDACTED]

Dear Sheriff Arteta:

The Commission of Correction is in receipt of the investigation results from your office regarding the above referenced Complaint. The response has been reviewed and this issue is deemed closed.

The Commission would like to thank you and your staff for your cooperation with this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Allen Riley".

Allen Riley
Chairman

cc: Colonel Anthony Mele
Cynthia Allen, SCOC
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October 25, 2022

Mr. Terrence Moran, Dir. of Operations
New York State Commission of Correction
80 So. Swan Street, 12th Fl.
Albany, NY 12710

Re: **REPORTABLE INCIDENT** [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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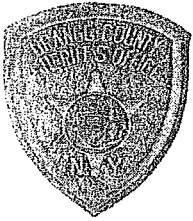
MEMORANDUM

TO: Inmate [REDACTED]
FROM: Capt. James M Potter
DATE: September 2, 2022
RE: Letter of complaint

I am in receipt of letter of complaint submitted to my attention dated January 25, 2020 in which you state in sum and or substance that you felt uncomfortable when you were examined by Facility Physician Dr. Salwa Khouri and Registered Nurse Colella, Deanna, due to complaints of abdominal pain and blood in your stool. In your letter of complaint you state that you were uncomfortable due to the aforementioned Medical Professionals being of a female gender and the fact that there was not male present during the examination in which your clothing had to be removed to conduct the examination. The following laws are applicable to County Jails in the State of New York. Correction Law 501.00 states the following : The board of supervisors of each county, except New York, must appoint a reputable physician, duly authorized to practice medicine, as the physician to the jail of the county. NYSMS 7010.2 (A) Health Services - states the following : The county Legislator, board of services, or similar county governing unit shall appoint a properly registered physician for the local correctional facility. NYSMS 7010.2 (B) Health Services - states the following: Each prisoner shall be examined by a physician licensed to practice in the State of New York. The facility is not legally bound to provide a specific gender of Medical Professional to attend to your health needs and the facility cannot guarantee the gender of the qualified medical professional from whom you receive care. The medical care professionals are bound by their professional rules of conduct and the medical community standard of care.

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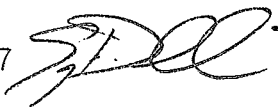
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





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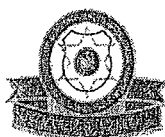
FROM: Sergeant Armond Della Pia 127 

DATE: August 20, 2020

RE: Memorandum on investigation into letter written by Inmate 

I am authoring this memorandum to provide details on the investigation I have completed, regarding a letter written by Inmate  Inmate  stated in his letter that on August 12, 2020 he had contact with an inmate from another wing while entering Main Medical, he also stated that there was another inmate in an exam room while he was receiving his diabetic finger stick check. Those statements are true, Inmate  however was escorted into Main Medical by staff, he was under constant supervision while in Main Medical and had no contact with the inmate in the exam room. The other inmate was leaving Main Medical as Inmate  entered, again Inmate  was under constant supervision. I have addressed the issue with the Medical Officers and moving forward Main Medical will be completely empty upon the Protective Custody Inmates entering medical. Regarding the accusations of drugs in cells  those cells had been searched prior to receiving Inmate  letter, with negative findings for contraband. On August 20, 2020 I supervised the search of  again with negative findings of contraband, the other cells mentioned in his letter no longer held the same inmates and as a result were not searched again.

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August 24, 2022

Sheriff Carl Dubois
Orange County Sheriff's Office
110 Wells Farm Road
Goshen, New York 10924

Re: Complaint # [REDACTED]

Dear Sheriff Dubois:

Enclosed please find a copy of correspondence received by the Commission from [REDACTED] who alleges that he was set assaulted by medical staff and subject to staff misconduct while incarcerated at the Orange County Jail. Please be advised that the Commission of Correction will address the fear for life component of Mr. [REDACTED] complaint letter with the Westchester County Department of Correction.

It is requested that an investigation be made into this complaint and that the Commission be apprised of your findings. If an investigation has already been completed, please advise the Commission of your findings. Please ensure that such findings are included on agency letterhead.

Please forward such information to the Commission, via the Correspondence Shared Mailbox [REDACTED] by October 25, 2022. Please be advised, if the information contained within your response exceeds limitations of standard e-mail service, please contact the Correspondence Shared Mailbox to utilize our IBM Aspera – Secure File Transfer Service.

Thank you for your cooperation in this matter.

Sincerely,

Terrence Moran
Director of Operations

cc: Cynthia Allen, SCOC
Larry Roe, SCOC
Undersheriff Kenneth Jones

Enclosure

8/4/22

Office of the State Inspector General
Empire State Plaza, Agency Building 2, 16TH FLOOR
Albany, NY 12223

DEAR SIR / MADAM:

I am writing to you for some help. My name is [REDACTED] inmate number [REDACTED] located at Westchester County Jail in Valhalla, NY. I was arrested on Feb. 4, 2019 and have been incarcerated ever since. I spent my first part of my incarceration in Orange County Jail, the county I was arrested in, until August 28, 2020. On that day I was set up by the Corrections staff at O.C.J. to be assaulted with chemicals by another inmate, gang member, while locked in my cell. I was sprayed with bleach, unknown chemicals, and body fluids. It covered me, and every inch of my cell. The C.O. on shift left me locked in my cell while he continued to serve breakfast and refused to help me. My eyes, ears, and nasal passageways were burning and I was begging for help. The tiny sink in my cell with auto shut off was barely helping at all. After about an hour (approximately) another C.O. took mercy on me and brought me to medical. The damage was already done. My nasal passageway is chemically scarred and damaged permanently. My eyes still need more treatment than I can get while locked in jail. I was given glasses, and daily eye drops. My ears took the worst. I have bi-lateral, permanent hearing damage. Left ear is severe, right ear is moderate hearing loss that is permanent. This is per an outside ear surgeon / E.N.T. It is also not surgically repairable. I am awaiting my hearing aids, that I will have to wear for the rest of my life. The night of my assault I was transferred to Westchester County Jail where I remain with no outcome on my case, legally speaking, yet. while

At O.C.J., prior to the chemical assault, I had been raped and sexually assaulted twice by a member of the nursing staff. I filed the PREA reports and spoke with the PREA COORDINATOR, CAPT. POTTER. The first time he interviewed the wrong nurses regarding the sexual assault. Everything in his report is totally wrong. The medical records will show that. I explained this to him and he didn't care. The second sexual assault, he came to me directly and told me to stop putting in a PREA form. He knew what was happening but didn't have the staff for male inmates to see the correct medical staff. "What the fuck do you want me to do?" He screamed and yelled at me and I never heard another word. Throughout my time at W.C.J. and O.C.J. I have hundreds of incidents documented with regards to discrimination, retaliation, and racism. I have been singled out because of my high profile case, and the politics of W.C.J. employee and other county employees I have an unsavory past with. I have hundreds and hundreds of pages of documentation with time, dates, names, etc. of all these incidents. I have an attorney I hired, James Monroe, Esq, from Goshen, NY. I paid him \$150,000 dollars up front, that's what he required. He got the court to release an investment account, so he could get paid. Everything else they took from me, and I don't know what happened to it. My lawyer has done nothing re: everything that has happened to me or my case. I've written him hundreds of pages of letters begging for help and he has done nothing. Hasn't responded to one letter over 43 months. I haven't had an in person visit, face to face, in at least 2 1/2 years. I don't know what to do. I'm begging for some help, please. An inmate tried to kill me in here with a shiv, and I know it will happen again.

Thank You For Your Time - God Bless

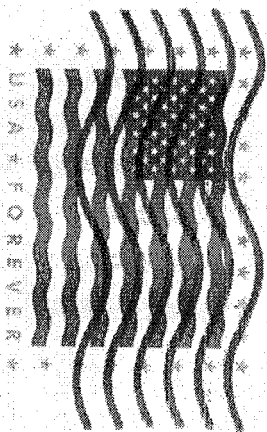
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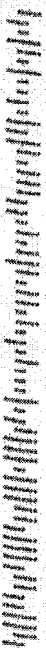
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



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8-12-20

CAPTAIN CATALETTI,

Please accept this letter as my formal request to be moved off of unit [REDACTED]. I have spoke to anyone that would listen, but have not been able to get moved. I spent time on [REDACTED] some time back and it was my safest place to be. I will use August 12TH as an example, but I could write about my unit every day. I keep a journal, daily, since I have been in OCTJ. I am very aware that times and dates are imperative. My physical well being is in harms way every day. I am threatened by unclassified inmates every day, including the 12TH. I have 27 co-defendants, and have had 8 death threats to my face since being in OCTJ. Being on the unclassified, new inmate unit, is the worst place I could be. You literally bringing the trouble directly to me, every day. I have had multiple no contacts brought to my unit. I have been locked in the Sally Port with a no contact. I've been locked in the Parole Room with a no contact. I've been brought to medical, repeatedly, with no-contacts there. I won't go into my case, but there is a lot of people who hate me, and want to hurt me, and [REDACTED] offers me no protection.

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It actually offers me the opposite. The entire jail population knows exactly where I am because you bring all the new inmates right to me. After 18 months I've doing all I can to protect myself, I can't do it anymore. I need your help. It's gotten out of control. I am working with D.A. Houder and his staff. I know D.A. Houder has me in P.C. for my safety, and I truly appreciate it, but the reality is much different. Let me tell you about just one DAY, Aug 12.

8-12-20 - 11:20 A.M. - Brought to medical at 11:30 A.M. I should have been here about an hour earlier before lunch, to check my blood sugar, but the system you have in place for diabetics does not work at all. The medicine pass, the food delivery, the finger sticks, are all over the place every day. As the C.O. opens the door to medical, an inmate from another unit is just leaving. He is not supposed to be there, per your P.C. policy and COVID-19 policy. Both look good on paper, but there is no reality to it. I go into medical for a fingerstick, and there is another inmate being seen by a doctor from a totally different unit. Again, my safety on all fronts is not a concern.

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4:00 P.M. And on, the unit is a complete CIRCUS. Unclassed inmates in the showers, on the phones, cooking, doing laundry, etc. They have all ~~the~~ these showers and phone calls already. This is supposed to be the time of day P.C. inmates get to use the unit since I am locked in a cell, and in a cage all day. Not on this unit. Your lucky to shower before 9:00 P.M.. With unclassified everywhere, at any point they could pull the gate open and attack me whenever they want. The gate is a joke. The storm door on my house is stronger. The gate has been forcefully opened 3 times since I have been here. Plus there is 13 P.C. inmates, in a recreation area with 7 cells and a 15' x 20' open area. Almost half the P.C. inmates are housed outside the cage which is a safety issue for me. The gate is open all the time with unclassified out of these cells because P.C. inmates need to get in and out. Watch the video, you will see the circus in full effect.

6:00 P.M. - Complained to C.O. Piper about the overwhelming acid type smell and haze in my cell. It's making me sick. I've complained about this and written it up several other times. I know

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its the byproduct of the inmates smoking K2.
It has gotten me sick several times. I should
not have to live with this almost every DAY.
It's excessive and inhumane treatment. I
went outside at 6:30 P.M. when I was locked out.
Sick, head ache, sweating, etc. Felt terrible.
8:15 P.M. brought to dentist very quickly, about
5 minutes total, then brought to medical to
get checked out for the extreme head ache and
sickness. There was nothing they could do for me.
I explained I have [REDACTED] over
me and we share the AIR exchange and it's Always
the ACID smell of K2 smoke that gets me sick.
She was sorry, but nothing she could do. This
is briefly how it's moved around. (C) cell has
the K2. I believe he gets it from a C.O. He
sells it to [REDACTED] for 4 soaps.
Then they bring it down to [REDACTED]
is the Key. He and C.O. Piper are "boys". C.O.
Piper just wants to be one of the "boys." [REDACTED]
then moves it around the unit because he has free
movement. Around 8:45 P.M. he hands it off to [REDACTED]
[REDACTED] Piper gives him free
movement. [REDACTED] does drugs all the time, and is the
constant problem in P.C. Watch the tape and you will
see him move drugs and food all over the unit with
[REDACTED]. At 8:50 P.M.

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C.O. Piper and C.O. Delapia are on the unit and I finally get to shower. I ask both of them to please call a SGT., LT., CAPT., someone to do something about the drugs and the circus. C.O. Delapia even states the smell of drugs is so bad it's making him sick. 9:15 P.M. SGT. Breitweiser comes onto the unit to do a run. He is on and off the unit in about a minute. He wants nothing to do with dealing with the drugs and circus that [REDACTED] is. 9:50 P.M. - Cell 4 comes over to the ~~XXXXXX~~ fence and gives K2 to [REDACTED]. They make a quick exchange. The deal was put together by [REDACTED]. 10:15 P.M. [REDACTED] goes upstairs to [REDACTED] to pick up more drugs and get him through the night. 4 cell remains on unit, out of his cell, while the gate is open and P.C. inmates are in the kitchen area. 10:30 P.M. everyone has to lock in, except [REDACTED]. [REDACTED] makes a quick drug deal with [REDACTED] again to get him through the night and picks up payment. Then [REDACTED] steps out and goes to kitchen like he is cooking food, but he is there getting everything straightened out with C.O. Piper about the nights wheeling and dealing. That's one 8 hour shift, one night on [REDACTED]. Nobody should have to live like this. I have no move but to

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request A move to [REDACTED] my medical health on every level is not being treated correctly or timely. [REDACTED] will fix this. It was perfect last time I was there to help with all my medical issues. My physical well being with threats, verbally being accosted, having food + DRINK thrown on me, being spit on, and treated like an animal in a cage can all be fixed by moving to [REDACTED]. My psychiatric health has declined terribly. I'm diagnosed with PTSD, Anxiety, Depression, Agoraphobia, and Panic Attacks. Living under this stress is horrific for me. My overall health and well being can be protected by moving to [REDACTED]. I fear for my safety every minute I am here on [REDACTED]. The daily drugs that I ingest from my air vent, and on the unit is unacceptable by any measurement. I should not have to live with that. [REDACTED] is ~~also~~ also the COVID-19 quarantine unit. I have comorbidity and should be no where near this unit. The new inmates all come through this unit. We share everything. Food cart, juice jugs, Kitchen, Laundry, showers, etc. I am the decan trustee for this unit. There is no decaning going on here. On paper your policy is great, but reality is nobody follows it or does it, and nobody CARES. COVID-19 could


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be a deadly disease for me. Again, I know there is supposedly no COVID-19 at OCT. But, that's a bold statement considering almost all new inmates that are brought to my unit for quarantine, are never tested for COVID-19. I guess if you don't test, then don't really know, then you can say nobody has it. I have personally spoken to at least 6 inmates that have told all of us, they have COVID-19. Particularly all the Westchester and Federal inmates coming in from N.Y.C. would fix this for me. I can't get a no contact on anyone that threatens me for safety reasons, because nobody follows it. [REDACTED]

Public Officers Law Section reveal criminal investigative techniques or procedures, except routine techniques and procedures.

~~has~~ has a no contact until today. SGT. Jones made [REDACTED] pinky swear that he wouldn't fight with 12 cell again. That's a strong policy, pinky swear, no contact lifted. It didn't matter, unless a SGT. or above was here, or very specific C.O.'s, nobody followed the procedures or schedule for the no contact. I'm housed with murderers, rapists, child molesters, all violent felons. I'm housed with Federal (majority of inmates), ICE inmates, state and county inmates. Most Federal are multiple murderers looking at life sentences. They have nothing to lose and they tell

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the P.C. inmates that every day. Were just RATS IN A CAGE. MED-Z would fix this issue for me to. The letter got a little long, but could be much longer. Your rules, policies, procedures, All look good on paper. But you have to know that none of them are followed. Most C.O.'s come on the unit, read newspapers, watch movies on YouTube, and talk on the house phone or their cell phone All day. The yell at us if we ASK to get water or go outside. They don't want to be bothered. Personally, I don't care. I'm concerned for my safety, my health and my well being. I just want to get home to my family.



cc: SGT. Callie

SGT. Delapia

Jim Masroe - Attorney at Law.

D.A. Dave Houker.

Gray, Donna

From: [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 3:14 PM
To: Gray, Donna; Moran, Terry (SCOC)
Cc: Allen, Cynthia (SCOC); DuBois, Carl E. (SHERIFF); Jones, Kenneth T.; Weed, Anthony
Subject: [EXTERNAL] RE: NYSCOC INCIDENT [REDACTED] [REDACTED]

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Tricia Amati
Assistant to Chairman/Commissioners

New York State Commission of Correction
80 South Swan Street, 12th Floor Albany, NY 12210
[REDACTED]
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From: Gray, Donna [REDACTED]
Sent: Tuesday, October 25, 2022 10:49 AM

Subject: NYSCOC INCIDENT [REDACTED]

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Good morning,

Attached hereto is the investigative findings into the above-referenced complaint, for your reference and review.

Donna M. Gray

Secretary/Administrative Assistant II
Administration Offices/Corrections Division
ORANGE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE
110 Wells Farm Road