

Forum For Understanding Prisons(FFUP)  
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re:

Justin Welch 579750, WCI at risk for suicide, harassment/  
Glenn E Conroy 447096 WCI at risk for suicide, harassment/  
Patrick Weeks 581595, WCI, diabetic mismanagement, harassment/  
Andre Williams 177359 hunger strike on and off, alleges food is tampered with

Hello,

I am writing with an urgent request for you help. In attachment is one of the letters I wrote previously asking for the removal of Beahm and other accused guards from the seg unit at WCI and the transfer of the four most vulnerable mentally ill out of that unit to WRC .I am sending this to you because the specific complaints are the same although conditions continue to deteriorate as the alleged rogue guards seem to feel that there will be no consequences for anything they do. If this were a non prison environment, the removal of the accused from contact with the accuser pending investigation would be automatic. It is not an admission of guilt to be prudent.

From latest letters I learn that conditions in the WCI continue to deteriorate. Justin Welch and Glenn Conroy are alive now-they both have decided to do what ever it takes to get off that ward even if it means death and they have begged for treatment and/or placement at WRC. Justin is on perpetual suicide watch ( in obs)and Glenn has told those around him will begin his exit attempts again in a few days.

No one wants to die- they want relief and that relief is something you can give them. Andre's says he gets inedible food (soggy bread and rotten fruit etc) and is constantly verbally harassed. He is another alleged victim as is Patrick Weeks , who believes the staff is trying to kill him though mismanagement of his diabetic needs. I am not there but I believe these guys are telling me honestly what they believe. I am sure there are exaggerations as that is what we humans do when we finally get an ear. They are mentally ill and need to be treated like human beings. I ask you to take their complaints seriously and transfer them out of the toxic environment. Again, it is not an admission of guilt, it is an act taken to save lives while events, whatever they will be, ferret out the truth.

Thank you for your attention  
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