

Dear Reader,

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I beseech you to take this time to read this missive. Your attention to this matter is highly appreciated.

My name is Tyrone Munson, and I am incarcerated in a maximum security facility. This is my first incarceration I have been in prison since I was 17 years old. I am now 36, serving a lengthy sentence of 290 years for a non death case.

I am being subjected to unfair treatment resulting in a violation of my constitutional rights. The cruel & unusual punishment is manifested in the form of this Administration (Waupun Correctional Institution) Denying myself & other inmates adequate mental health treatment we so desperately need.

I suffer from P.T.S.D, Severe Depression & other mental health issues. There are no mental health programs geared towards assisting me to be able to cope/deal with several traumatic issues I faced in my past. As well as a sudden death I experienced while in WCI. At the beginning of the year I went into sudden death/ Cardiac Arrest. The origins are said to be linked to a virus uncommonly known as Myocarditis/ Cardiomyopathy.

I on the other hand believe it was triggered due to the lead levels in the water. The lack of nutrition with the meals. The salt-sugar domination supplied by the commissary. And the inability to have access to proper mental health treatment. The oppressive state this prison has is uncanny. For instance there are Correction Officers guilty of using abusive force. They also have retaliatory/ Hostile guards provoking inmates to anger then sending them to Segregation. They yell & scream, causing a disruptive environment calling inmates names. They also show favoritism causing strife using institution jobs as bait & control. This is a hostile environment due to the overcrowding. The way they force inmates to bunk up with others creates a greater chance of violence. They put lifers with guys who are set to be released in weeks. They force gang rivals to be in the same cell together. They force racist inmates to be housed with one another as well.

The mental health department is understaffed & under educated in helping inmates address the complexity of our mental health issues. This environment breeds anger & rage due to the ignored pleas of inmates filing grievances, only for them to be heard by a close friend or family member of the one who is doing wrong.