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Dear Peg,

As you probably already heard by now, on July 4th, 2016, a prisoner at GBCI named Francisco Flores-Rocha was found dead in an observation cell on the Seg unit or "RSHIJ" as they now call it. Also, as you're probably already aware, not even a week prior to his death Francisco or Lii' Frankie to those of us who knew him, was brought to the seg unit for attacking staff at GBCI. I've spoke with 2 prisoners who work in the seg unit, and worked up there on the night of Frankie's death. I asked them both if they're cool with me including their names in my letter to you, as well as to the media and they both readily consented. Their information should you wish to contact with them: Leonard Alexander #378505; and Steven Vance #346168.

The news reported Frankie's death wasn't suspicious, but that's complete BS. The DOC would love it if people believed that Frankie somehow committed suicide but there's a lot of information that hasn't been reported. Mr. Leonard stated to me that on the night Frankie died the prison staff "suited up" on him, and "gassed" him excessively, and 30 minutes later Frankie was dead. I could only speak to him briefly, but he definitely believes Frankie's death was caused by prison staff and not Frankie. He told me that Frankie was on "Control Status" with nothing in his cell but a smock gown and he was in one of the Observation cells located right in front of the "bubble", where staff could easily keep watch. He told me that staff acted suspiciously that night and I strongly recommend you or someone to contact him as well as Mr. Vance. Mr. Vance told me that 8 cans of gas, the chemical agent the staff use to spray prisoners, was used on Frankie. That would be an incredibly excessive amount of this chemical and could easily be the cause of death. From what I'm told staff must video record every cell entry or "suit up" situation. We want GBCI or the DOC to turn over all video recordings related to Frankie on the night of his death. Frankie was diagnosed with a mental illness and it hasn't been reported that on the day of his attack on staff he was meeting with staff from PSU (Psychological Services). The last time I seen Frankie which was approximately 3 weeks before the attack on PSU staff, he told me and another friend that he was trying to get put on a medication that would hope- fully help him concentrate because he was having much difficulty after his experiences in Solitary confinement, Administrative confinement, that he believed was mentally deteriorating for him. I can only speculate whether or not this had anything to do with his decision to attack PSU staff, but as someone who has also experienced the negative effects of prolonged solitary isolation, Administrative confinement, etc. I relate to the frustrations he was going through.

Peg, I don't know if anyone has contacted you about Frankie's death, but please do everything you can to demand answers, transparency in their "investigation", and getting all the facts and relevant information out there. As prisoners we are powerless in many ways because of the way this system operates, the rampant abuse of authority by certain staff and prison administrations, combined with the lack of unity amongst the majority of the prison body.: It's unfortunate but many are conditioned to fear reprisals if they voice an opinion or take a stand which the staff or DOC doesn't approve of. There are some who remain fearless, but we need your help, Frankie needs your help. Please help shine the light of truth on the night of his death and expose what's happening inside these prisons. The staff exploit every situation they can to campaign for higher wages, etc. and allege their safety is constantly in jeopardy, but whose safety is really in jeopardy when the staff Frankie attacked left the hospital the same day with minor injuries, but not even a week later Frankie's killed by staff either intentionally or at the very least recklessly? Whose safety is really in jeopardy I ask when you take into consideration that **NO** staff members death have been caused by prisoners, but over the years how many prisoner deaths and suicides, and even attempted suicides have gone completely unreported?

Thank you for your time and I truly hope things are going well for you. I know you dedicate much of your time, energy, and resources into issues effecting prisoners, our families and friends, and the communities, and you probably don't hear it enough, but it's appreciated.

Respectfully With Best Wishes,

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