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Rudy,

If you can utilize this story for your ^{Youtube} ministry, please do so. My info is below:

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Juan Ortiz against Bell County, Texas

My claims against Bell County are true and valid under penalty of perjury. The Bell County Jail in Bell County, Texas is responsible for the lack of medical care and assistance in cleaning and bandaging my wounds, resulting in a septic infection in my left knee and quadricep thigh muscle to which the knee was removed along with a big part of the muscle while in pre-trial custody of the Bell County Jail. Bell County staff threatened me and demeaned me and left me in unsanitary conditions. The Texas Constitution mirrors the Eighth Amendment ^{to} the U.S. Constitution. Both govern the living conditions of convicted prisoners, as well as citizens held in detention due to the fact that neither is at liberty. Both forbid cruel and unusual punishment. Facts: On June 7, 2014 I was involved in an accident in which my left leg was crushed by a motor vehicle and required multiple reconstructive surgeries. My passenger was killed in the accident. I was released from the hospital to Indian Oaks Rehabilitation Center on August 26, 2014 under a doctor and was receiving assistance from Indian Oaks' trained staff "daily" in bathing, dressing, using the toilet, changing my bedding and linens, cleaning and bandaging my wounds. This was done everyday in a clean and sanitary environment as was ordered by my surgical and orthopedic doctors Dr. Stahl and Dr. Weber of Scott and White Hospital. The purpose of the daily assistance was to prevent infection and to avoid complications with the healing process.

On Oct. 9, 2014 a warrant for my arrest was executed by Nolanville Police Dept to where I was transported to Bell County Jail in a wheelchair. I was booked in to the jail at 4:13 p.m. and charged with the offense of intoxicated manslaughter with a vehicle. I was housed in a 4-man tank occupied by 3 other inmates in the jail's infirmary. On Oct. 9, 2014 after being booked into the jail, I asked staff members if the officers who transported me to the jail obtained my medical file with my doctor's orders for my treatment and pain medications. The response I received was that they would take care of my needs. I was put in a bunk and left to fend for myself. I asked jailer Spencer how I was supposed to take a shower because the shower was not equipped or designed to accomodate a disabled person. I asked jailer Spencer how I was supposed to get in and out of bed to use the toilet without help? Jailor Spencer replied, "you're going to have to figure that out." My first encounter with jailer Gutierrez was at meal time when he told me if you want your tray, you're going to have to get up and come and get it. When I explained I was not physically able to get up without help, the jailer said, "Well, you don't eat then." After this exchange, one of the other inmates asked the jailer if he could get the tray for me. This happened every time jailer Gutierrez worked. Oct. 10, 2014, I was examined by Dr. Glen Smith, who gave me a makeshift bedpan for my bodily waste. When asked how I was going to get in and out of the shower and how I was supposed to get to the toilet to defecate, Dr. Smith told me I would have to do the best I could. and not expect any special treatment. During this time the nurses who were supposed to assist me in changing my bandages only came around once every 3 days and never on weekends and most of the time only gave the bandages to the plaintiff to change himself.

While inside of the Bell County Jail infirmary, I never received assistance from medical staff concerning the change of my clothing, bedding, cleaning of bandages, wounds, getting to shower, the restroom. I was unable to care for myself which resulted in defecating and urinating on myself. Ultimately, I almost died as a result of the neglect and lack of adequate medical assistance and treatment while confined at the Bell County Jail. I also suffered from a mental breakdown that also went untreated and was not discovered until much later. Anxiety, depression and post-traumatic stress disorder. My complaints about my living conditions to staff were ignored. I was exposed to cruel and unusual punishment, as well as uncivilized treatment while in pre-trial detention. The Eighth Amendment defines the rights of a pre-trial detainee.

I was arrested at Indian Oaks Rehabilitation Center where I was recovering from multiple internal reconstructive surgeries to my left leg and confined to a wheelchair. My left leg was bandaged from my upper thigh to my ankle. A drainage tube and fluid collection apparatus was inserted into the wound. I still had staples and stitches in my leg.

As a result of the inhumane neglect I suffered for 35 days in the Bell County Jail which resulted in an injury of the left vertebral artery, causing my blood to be poisoned.

I ask God everyday for strength and to please let someone hear my story and help me get the justice I need. I am desperate and begging for help. I am willing to sit with anyone for questions or let anyone look into this case. God bless you all and the world.

Please give anyone my address to anyone who wants to help.

- Juan Ortiz (aka "House")
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