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GRETCHEN WHITMER
Governor
P.O. Box 30013
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RE: INHUMANE PRISONS & OVERCROWDING EXPOSED BY COVID-19

Dear Governor Whitmer,

Since MARCH 2020, PRISONER'S HAVE HAD NO LAW LIBRARY EXCEPT FOR COPIES OF REFERENCES BROUGHT TO US IF WE KNOW WHAT TO ASK FOR. MANY DON'T KNOW what laws or cases they need without library access. Our photocopies of exhibits take 7 to 10 days to turn in documents and receive copies back. Since court time limits are 10 to 14 days, it's often impossible to be timely.

Most COVID-19 positive prisoners at COTTON PRISON (JCF) were still in the JTF "TEMPORARY" (built in 1986) FARM ANIMAL BARNS because 8-PRISONERS are PACKED INTO OVERCROWDED 20 by 10 foot cubes. There is no outside ventilation during cold weather while 5-foot Hurricane Fans blow dust and germs from prisoner to prisoners while they sleep about 3.5-feet apart. POLE BARN overcrowding causes most prisoners to not get enough sleep to suppress infections. SLEEP DEPRIVATION causes abnormally high "physical

degradation" and psychosis (ABNORMAL PSYCHOLOGY & MODERN LIFE, p. 106 (Scott, Foreman & Co., 1974). Such overcrowding of 160 prisoners in each BARN is cruel or unusual punishment. MICH. CONST., Art. I, § 16; RHODES v CHAPMAN, 452 US 337, 362-363 (1981). Please remove these rotting FARM-ANIMAL-POLE-BARNs from every MDOC prison.

On 04 JUNE 2019, NINE (9) older PRISONERS at JCF "Cotton-side" were found COVID-19 POSITIVE. We MEDICALLY FRAIL are often exposed to COVID-19 MUCH LIKE THOSE GIVEN THE DEATH SENTENCE IN NEW YORK NURSING HOMES. This VIOLATES MICHIGAN CONSTITUTION, ARTICLE IV, SECTION 46 that prohibits the DEATH PENALTY.

My present 2-man cell in the JCF brick buildings is far from perfect. The sewer drain or shower in the Lower Right Bathroom of Housing Unit F leaks into my cell and feeds black mold, mildew and various vermin. The mold, mildew and dripping waste water are about 8-inches up the wall from the floor, and 6-feet long by 3-feet out on the floor. Ants on another wall come through the brick and block wall to leave piles of about one-half cup of dirt every week. We daily clean the cell. Trails of ants go through the cell so we constantly must remove them.

JCF prison's sidewalks and buildings are either sitting right on top of or sometimes below the water table. This prison is in a backfilled swamp. This can be seen in the crumbled sidewalks that are very PAINFUL and difficult for those of us with ROLLATOR WALKERS and WHEELCHAIRS to negotiate. I once flipped over and broke my glasses because of a sidewalk POTHOLE that I could not see. One wall in HOUSING UNIT B has a wide crack from floor to ceiling. The BACK YARD is a MUDHOLE that WALKERS and WHEELCHAIRS cannot use. We handicapped are treated differently than non-handicapped prisoners.

I am MEDICALLY FRAIL with permanent CONGESTIVE HEART FAILURE, untreated ISCHEMIC HEART DISEASE, KIDNEY/RENAL FAILURE, untreated LEFT LEG PARALYSIS, UNTREATED DEGENERATIVE RETINOPATHY caused by UNTREATED occlusive CAROTID DISEASE, SCARRED LUNGS and SCARRED HEART with a 100% blocked left coronary artery caused by APRIL 2008 refusal to treat STREP PNEUMONIA, UNTREATED Chronic Fungal MASTOIDITIS with otis media infection of Candida Parapsilosis caused by said 2008 pneumonia, and other maladies caused by MDOC/CORIZON HEALTH refusing to treat severe HYPERLIPIDEMIA for 12-years (due to cost of medication). It's the painful "LINGERING DEATH" of GENOCIDE. ESTELLE v GAMBLE, 429 US 97, 103 (1976).

I constantly see PREPLANNED STATE AUTHORIZED COVERT MURDER(s) OF PRISONERS, mostly through denial of medical care and subjection to inhumane conditions, that are no different than the recent televised OVERT MURDER of GEORGE FLOYD in MINNESOTA. When will the MICHIGAN GENOCIDE/MURDERS caused by prison overcrowding and REFUSAL TO GIVE NEEDED MEDICAL TREATMENT END???

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. . Gary M. Northington

Dear Rudy & Erin,

The 2-men per cell part of "Cotton-side" of this prison is Housing Units A to H. Most units hold 96 prisoners but my unit, F Unit, is 72 hearing-impaired prisoners. This is drastically different than the FARM-ANIMAL POLE BARNs of the "TEMPORARY" side; Units TA to TF.

On 04 JUNE 2020, nine (9) prisoners in Housing Unit B were taken to K Unit segregation because they tested positive for COVID-19. This appears to be the beginning of COVID-19 infections on the "Cotton-side". As of 04 JUNE 2020, 70 of us died from this.

As you may know, I fully agree with the philosophy of ANTHONY TROY WILLIAMS "that we need to identify the evildoers and liars publicly", from GIDEON'S ARMY of 29 MARCH 2019. This idea is noted in my song, "THE LION OF JUDAH", from REVELATION 19:11-18; @ 17.

MAY GOD'S BLESSINGS FILL US ALL!!! Love & Prayers, Gary M of The Lion...