

To; FDOC Secretary Mark Inch,
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July, 16,2020 Florida experienced 156 COVID deaths within 24 hours!

I am filing this "Emergency", Grievance", To FDOC Secretary Mark Inch; Per ch.33-103.007(3)F.A.C

Reasons: Thousands of FDOC prisoners health are in imminent risk/danger of contracting this highly contagious COVID-19 virus/air born disease which is as deadly as TB; FDOC is well aware of the danger and is derelict in its response to it! Due to over crowding in FDOC dormitories, not being able to social distance from other prisoners, 6 feet in which the C.D.C now says is 13 feet! The skin disease associated with COVID-19, is rampant in every dorm, widely reported to medical and totally ignored and untreated causing much pain and suffering!

There is no vaccine/medication for COVID-19. Celebrities report in the news after recovery of COVID-19, they experience permanent damage such as brain fog etc; There is no testing of FDOC prisoners for COVID-19, especially for those at risk with preexisting ailments! Although the FLA Governor has ordered in the National Guard to ramp-up COVID-19 testing in nursing homes, nothing has been done to test or protect elderly prisoners from COVID-19. In violation of the 8th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, and many FDOC prisoners are U.S. Veterans and their children!

In 110 degree heat index, there can be reasonable expectation of prisoners nor personnel in non-air conditioned buildings to wear suffocating home-made masks, of double thick suffocating material, which is an 8th Amendment violation against torture. Our U.S. veterans and their children deserve better, not limited to them!

Currently, FDOC has proven dereliction of its duties in which, it is incapable of humanely housing such an over crowded population; See the following cases: State v. Chubbick, 37 Fla.L.Weekly D582; also- U.S. v. Salagno, 5;02 Cr 00051-LEK(N.D.N.Y) April, 23, 2020; and U.S. Constitution.

Remedy/Action Sought:

1. Reduce dormitory population throughout FDOC, to one third;
2. Reassign more institutions to be used for at risk 50 and older prisoners, Century C.I., Okaloosa C.I., and Sumter C.I., should be considered for this purpose;
3. Hire capable medical staff to handle COVID-19 testing and care, with medical grade masks and face shields for prisoners and staff;
4. Comply with C.D.C. guidelines of 13 feet social distancing; giving certified training to prisoners assigned as aid's to the elderly, and pay them, as they clean up feces, change and bathe the elderly, not limited to U.S. Veterans and their children;
5. Provide the correct cleaning/sanitizing products, and training resulting in sanitizing certification, which will gain prisoners employment upon release;
6. Ensure high touched areas, such as phones, kiosks, doors, bathrooms, mattresses, etc, are sanitized under certified guide lines by a certified person.
7. Most if not all Institutions have no dishwasher to clean eating and drinking utensils, trays, etc, with high pressure and high temperature sanitizing water, install these sanitizing machines at all FDOC Institutions, and give certified training to prisoners which will be useful for employment upon release;

8. Repair or replace ventilation system that will sanitize the air, and give inmates certified training in maintenance of said ventilation systems, while carrying out a needed specialized task in FDOC, will help gain meaningful employment upon release;
9. Ensure that all FDOC personnel are taking proper certified training in C.D.C. measures to prevent them from contracting or spreading symptomatic COVID-19, since many carriers have no symptoms, All personnel and prisoners must be immediately tested!
10. Partitions are to be installed between bunks and shower heads, at all FDOC Institutions. The C.D.C. warns that fall 2020 will bring the highest COVID-19 cases, and FDOC is doing none of the above to prepare!

FDOC Secretary Mark Inch was reported in the news July, 31, 2020 as testing positive himself for COVID-19, after he visited Columbia C.I. where 1300 inmates tested positive for COVID-19 and as the top scientist in Sweden has reported - 'face masks give no protection against COVID-19.' Obviously Mr Inch wore a mask and it was useless!

Prisoners are dying from COVID-19 throughout FDOC, three have died here at Sumter C.I. already! This is a death sentence that could be avoided if only FDOC officials would take action in the fore mentioned ways. It has been learned that while Sumter C.I. has not tested even 10% of its inmates. Other Florida prisons such as Liberty C.I. has tested all of its inmates, See- July 2020, Prison Legal News pg1.

This disease is too dangerous not to take every precaution no matter the costs, since lives are at stake, and FDOC is responsible for protecting these lives at all costs.

Not only does this disease cause death, there are reports on ch. 28 news-Tampa, where COVID-19 victims have had amputations of legs and hands, not limited to being paralyzed from the neck down! Celebrities are reporting permanent brain damage, not limited to brain fog, etc.

With full knowledge, not limited to the above dangers of COVID-19; FDOC is willingly causing death, pain, and suffering with permanent damage, which is a violation of protection under the laws of the U.S. Constitution.

Deaths here at Sumter C.I. caused by COVID-19, is cause to by-pass the Institution with this grievance.

Notice, is here by given that failure to take immediate action in all of the above areas will result in this being turned over to attorneys for legal/class action lawsuit.

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