

## A Painful Incident

On July 14, 2013 guards at the ADX U.S. Penitentiary decided to perform a cell extraction on an inmate 5 cells down from mine. I warned the officers I had asthma but they said they didn't care. They deployed multiple bursts of oleoresin capsiem gas which triggered an asthma attack. As I struggled to breathe the guards stood laughing at me and refusing to help me. When I lost consciousness witnesses tell me they kicked me in the face believing my being unconscious was "an act" causing a deep gash rising from my eyebrow to the center of my forehead. Only when I then didn't move was I taken to medical where staff closed my head wound, revived me and sent me back to my cell. Even a day later my wound throbs with pain. They have given me no pain medication either. This prison truly is a despicable place.

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