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ON  
HIPAA VIOLATIONS

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Subject: Medical, HIPAA Privacy Violations.

Here in P-Dorm, at Union Correctional Institution, we have HIPAA privacy violations, taking place, in the medical and Dental offices by Correctional Officers. "Security" is the excuse, used to continue these violations, and set Correctional Officers in, on these Doctor-Patient, "Confidential", medical and Dental examinations. This Formal Complaint, using Psychiatric interviews, shows that security is not the issue, as well as medical and Dental treatment at Florida State Prison.

Here in P-Dorm when an inmate is being seen by a psychologist or psychiatrist, the inmate is in a private room, alone with that Doctor or psychologist. Correctional Officers from time to

time will walk by and observe the Doctor-Patient interview going on through an observation window. The same technique that could and should be applied to medical and Dental visits, to ensure that HIPAA privacy violations are not taking place.

At Florida State Prison, Correctional Officers are not in the room, when the Doctor, is interviewing, or examining the Patient inmate, at medical or Dental. Proof that HIPAA is being "unnecessarily violated" here at Union Correctional Institution P-Dorm.

In medical, the door, to the Doctor's office, is left wide open. While the Doctor is interviewing the patient inmate, Correctional Officer's, some who are not yet certified, are standing at the door listening to the interview, and or moving in and out of the Doctor's office, freely. Many of those officers will then set around and talk about the inmates conditions of HIV, AID, Hepatitis ect.ect.

In Dental, while the inmate is in the dental chair, Three to Four Foot in front of the dental examination chair, a Correctional Officer is seated not only listening to your medical history as you speak with the dentist, but is sitting there, with no mask, or protective gear as the inmate is sitting in the seat with his mouth open. A sneeze or cough by the Correctional Officer could easily send droplets of his saliva into the inmate's open mouth. so we have a HIPAA Privacy violation here, Combined with a Health and safety issue.

Clearly steps need to be taken to rectify this situation. Thank you very much for your time and hopefully your help.

Respectfully submitted  
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