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Transgender Women in Prison Survive Rape and Torture by Men!

By Jennifer Gann

A new book being published by Norwegian author and photojournalist, Kristin Lyseggen, The Women of San Quentin: Soul Murder of Transgender Women in Male Prisons, exposes the very personal stories of the lives and struggles of ten transgender women.

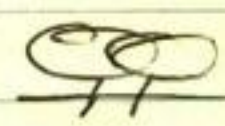
I am one of the women in the book, and have enjoyed working on and contributing to it with the author. Kristin came to visit me on February 22, 2015. We enjoyed lunch together and taking photos as she interviewed me for her book (see photo), which is due to come out this summer (see flier).

The importance of this book cannot be overstated! In California, transgender women are forced into

Men's prisons where they are exposed to rape and murder by the male prisoners and uncaring correctional officers of the California Department of Corrections & Rehabilitation (CDCR). The state has failed to comply with newly adopted Federal regulations of the Prison Rape Elimination ACT (PREA).

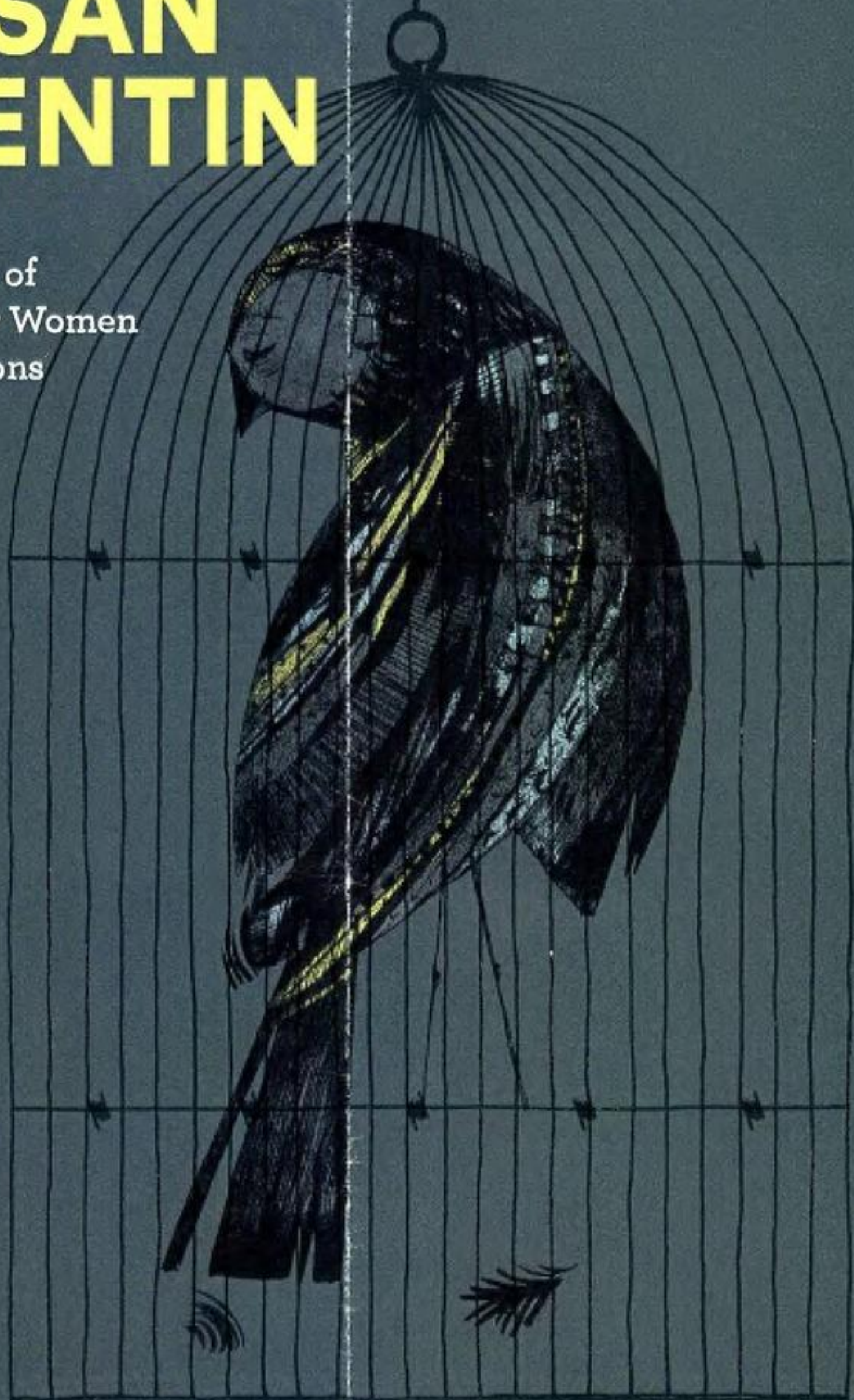
On or about November 1, 2013, a Latina trans-woman, Carmen Guerrero #K-06560, was killed by her cellmate at Kern Valley State Prison. Prior to that, a Black queen named "Lil Mama" was killed by her cellmate at California State Prison - Lancaster. In both cases, the housing unit officers were told of the threat and failed to intervene.

Nothing has been done by CDCR officials to prevent the continued rape and torture of transgender women in men's prisons. Hopefully, the upcoming release of this book will change that!

Free Trans-Women Now! 

THE WOMEN OF SAN QUENTIN

Soul Murder of
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in Male Prisons



Kristin Schreier Lyseggen



Me & My friend
Kris at KVSP
visiting 2/21/15