

Class-Action Lawsuit Concerning Solitary Confinement In Wisconsin's Prison System

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Greetings!

We seek your help bringing WI's prison system out of the Dark Ages by putting an end to the unnecessary use of solitary confinement. We need your help finding an attorney who will represent us in our class-action lawsuit (other ways you can help are explained on my above-noted blog) & publishing this message everywhere those who might help can see it.

I, Nate Lindell, am the main plaintiff and am the one who wrote the lawsuit. The other named plaintiffs include Dion Mathews #254399, Quinton Thomas #311898, Andre Tinnon #306887 and Bobby Kimble #164788.

The issues we seek to pursue are:

I. W.S.P.F. Prisoners Are Being Unnecessarily Held in Solitary Confinement, for Years - a Due Process Claim.

A) Some of us may be safely housed around each other on the same unit, allowed to socialize with each other with no restraints on, as CA & the U.S.'s ADX do with some who serial killed in prison, real bad boys.

B) Staff illegally use a High-Risk-Offender Program (H.R.O.P.) to keep us in solitary confinement, by setting up conflicts & then using them against us, not allowing us to advance in the H.R.O.P. & thus not letting us out of solitary

Confinement unless we go through the H.R.O.P.

II. Conditions in Solitary Violate the 8th Amendment & International Human-Rights Laws.

A) Over a dozen restrictions/practices meant to make us suffer (e.g. paltry diet, no outside view from cell, denied face-to-face visits for those not in H.R.O.P., property limits), some created because W.S.P.F. refused to ship out mentally ill prisoners as they were required (e.g. stopped providing razors, banned stapled magazines);

B) Housing insane inmates around us who act in ways that harm our sanity & health (e.g. pounding on doors, yelling insults/threats 24/7, spitting at rec., smearing/flinging feces, etc.);

C) Supervisors do not supervise staff, but permit staff to & encourage staff to harass us (e.g. co-plaintiff Mathews was put in seg. for drafting a respectfully worded proposal for improving staff:prisoner relations, which I'm helping him sue over in W.D. Wis. Case No. 16-cr-0650-slc).

There's no claim about mentally ill prisoners being improperly kept in solitary because if sane-ish) prisoners can't be held in solitary than nor can the mentally ill.

If we win our class-action, it will effectively end solitary confinement in all WI prisons, as no place is worse than here. Thus we don't need to join with prisoners in other WI prisons to end solitary confinement in all of them.

Let us know how you'll help by writing me, Nate Lindell. And please orde paper & stamped envelopes for me, so I can do this, from
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