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Medical Care in Wisconsin Prisons So Bad that Inmate Writes "HELP ME!" On Wall of Medical Building With His Blood.

By Nate A. Lindell, created 27 July 2024

Friday, 28 June 2024, at Stanley Correctional Institution (S.C.I.), Andrew Obregon told Hillary Brown, his unit manager, that he was going to harm himself on the upcoming Monday, 1 July, before 9AM, explaining that he'd rather be dead than continue enduring the pain that he's been enduring from chronic back pain due to an injury suffered while in prison and severe degenerative disease, torn connective tissue in his shoulder and neck and being denied proper mental health care for PTSD and, from my dealings with him, bi-polar disorder too.

Andrew was scheduled to be transferred to the Wisconsin Resource Center (W.R.C.), to have his mental-health problems treated. That transfer was cancelled because, supposedly, a medical hold was put on Andrew for him to have his offsite appointments for his medical problems. That is suspicious, because, were Andrew sent to W.R.C., he would have received better medical care, not only because he would have been closer to U.W. Madison's Medical Center, but because W.R.C. is ran by another department, a department who's focus is not on punishment but treatment.

Andrew believed, likely correctly, that the medical hold was put on him not because prison medical staff were intent on treating his medical needs, but because prison medical staff were pissed at Andrew for suing them (Western District of Wisconsin, Case #24-CV-681, which you can look up on wiwd.uscourts.gov) about their ongoing denial of medical care, so they misused their authority by putting a medical hold on Andrew, stopping Andrew from being transferred to a nicer facility, where it was more likely that Andrew would receive both proper medical and mental health care.

As Andrew warned, at B-building --the building that contains S.C.I.'s health services unit (H.S.U.), along with S.C.I.'s mailroom, intake and property department-- on Monday morning, he cut open his left wrist and used the blood that gushed from his artery to write on the wall of B-building, "HELP ME!," in foot-high letters. Other prisoners saw the writing from over two football fields away.

While Andrew was writing on B-building's wall, a guard named Sgt. Ewer watched. Andrew finished used at least a pint of blood to finish writing "HELP ME!," then walked into B-building, leaving a trail of blood. Medical staff looked at Andrew, stunned, doing nothing to treat Andrew's injury. A C.O. finally gave Andrew a towel. Then nurses cleaned the wound and Andrew was brought to the E.R. at an outside hospital to have his wrist stitched up.

When Andrew was brought back from the hospital, he was placed in "Obs," where suicidal prisoners are placed. Obs is a barren holding cell, in the Seg/R.H. unit, where, at best, an incarcerated person is only permitted to wear a Kevlar smock. Showering isn't allowed; no

property is allowed. No medical care for Andrew's injury was provided, exposing him to an infection. Andrew had to beg and beg before he received treatment for his lacerated wrist.

After spending a week in Obs, Andrew was let out and moved to a different Obs cell, where he was finally prescribed antibiotics. Andrew spent a total of 24 days in Obs.

Andrew was also issued a Conduct Report (C.R.) #00393669, by Lt. Jenna Parks, charging him with misconduct for cutting his wrist and dribbling blood on the floor of H.S.U. The charges were §DOC 303.33 Disruptive Conduct, §DOC 303.45 Possession, Manufacture or Use of Weapons, §DOC 303.20 Endangering Safety. Andrew was sentenced to 30 days of Disciplinary Separation (D.S.).