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### "A DEATH TRAP"

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According to the U.S. surgeon general, social isolation can have the same effect on health as smoking 15 cigarettes a day. They went on to say that Loneliness can have a number of health consequences, such as higher risk of developing depression, dementia or heart disease, and it can cause the body to age faster. This was taken from the October 8, 2024 USA Today Newspaper. When you combine those findings, with that of the scientific consensus on solitary confinement in Williams v. Secretary PDOC, 846 F.3d 549 (3rd Dist. Court of Appeal 2017) Where the Court's confirm that the scientific research on the effects of solitary confinement, which was combined with the U.S. Supreme Court's analysis in Wilkinson, and the Court's findings in Shoats, that all individuals dealing with solitary confinement, will suffer with difficulties in thinking, concentration, obsessional thinking, agitation, irritability, anxiety, panic depression, post-traumatic stress disorder, psychosis, hallucinations, paranoia, claustrophobia, and suicidal ideations. Those unequivocal scientific findings, shows that our Government is acknowledging that these cages are a death trap! For it destroys the mind and body! Its the only conclusion that can be reached : "Solitary Confinement and the isolation that comes with it, is nothing more than a death trap!" And yet our attorneys who are patting themselves on the back for this settlement agreement in Davis v Dixon Case No.3:17-cv-820MMH-PDB, where the relief was bare minimum, with 15 hours a week of day room and a maximum of 20 hours. So we get this 3 hour break a day, and then have to sit here and struggle with this cage for the next 21 hours. These attorneys never came and spoke with the majority of us back here. And I spoke with over half of the original 8 plaintiffs, who told me that they didn't want to sign off on this settlement agreement. Counsel manipulated these men into a settlement that they weren't comfortable with. But when your suffering mental side effect's such as those listed above, you can't be held responsible for making a bad decision. Its proven that your mentally messed up! And you've got counsel whispering in their ear, "if we go to trial you may lose!" Had I been counsel, 1. I would have spoken to all 200 plus plaintiffs back here. 2. I would have had in this suit, the true threats such as the contaminated water, the mold, the heat, the unconstitutional strip cells, not getting drug treatment for those men who are suffering from addiction and dying of overdoses for starter's. and 3. I would have had the State Attorneys and Judge Marcia Morales Howard come in on a Saturday and Sunday and walk through speaking with the plaintiffs as their visiting their families and friends. That in and of itself would have killed this exaggerated hype of a death row inmate being extremely dangerous. In fact, that would have resulted in the state settling this suit showing no penological justification for full restrains and 24 hour a day lock down. The Judge would have closed this building due to the "MOLD" alone. We then could have argued for the population that death row in Pennsylvania got, in Williams Supra. The State could have easily transformed Florida State Prison back into population, that would have given us access to an inside gymnasium, chapel for religious services, and jobs within the building. It would have been less expensive transforming FSP into population, than sinking hundreds of thousands of dollar's into this mold infested building that's on the path to being condemned. Our attorneys failed us!

They sold us out! And they took the easy way out. They want even do an onsite compliance inspection which is addressed on pages 9 -11 in paragraph 51-56 of this bogus settlement agreement that they negotiated. It allows them 4 onsite compliance inspections a year. We've had day room two years. Not once have they come back here to see how this is working. And there's been breach after breach after breach! Unequivocal evidence that these attorneys who are praising themselves, Sold us out!! They as an officer of the Court want even correct the unequivocal perjured Declaration of the Deputy Director of Institutional Operations for the FDOC Mr. Carl Wesley Kirkland Jr. who's stating Under Oath that all plaintiffs are being offered at least three hours of day room each business day. We have FDOC documents, camera's, and Florida National Guardsmen who support's that that declaration is a lie! And our attorneys have known this for over a year! Just more evidence supporting the fact that they've sold us out! So we sit here in this death trap of a cage while these attorneys pour praise upon themselves for a job, that I just showed was anything but praise worthy! We need some help! Help that we are not getting from assigned counsel. I don't want to be doing this, and shouldn't have to do this! But no thanks to these attorneys who have us still suffering mental anguish in this death trap, I have no other choice. This suit should be rescinded based on these breaches, and the fact that the original 8 plaintiffs signed an agreement under mental duress and was manipulated by counsel who is clearly working in the best interest of the state. Which is seen in their failure to address the perjured declaration, and not doing onsite compliance inspections allowing the breaches to go unchecked. It is what it is! Actions, or the in actions in this case of counsel, speaks louder than word's!

Regretfully Submitted Ronald W. Clark Jr. 10/10/24