



Prisoner Narratives

Disabled Justice at SCCC

T. Washington is an African American currently housed at South Central Correctional Center, in Licking, Missouri. He reached out to Missouri CURE from his cell in adseg, seeking justice for a case against him involving the alleged attempt of delivery of a controlled substance through the prison mail system. T. is wheelchair-bound and has been reportedly placed into inadequate housing where the required accommodations for his condition are not being met. This is a violation of ADA protocols, which legally requires correctional facilities to fully accommodate disabled prisoners. Beyond his disability, what also lies at the heart of T's complaint is the destruction of physical evidence and obstruction of justice, allegations of which are reported by the majority of African American prisoners in adseg.

Hello,

I've written to you all once before. Well, this time I'm writing to you from the hole where I was placed on July 24th after someone used my name and number to try and get some type of drug in here. They gave me six months and I never got a chance to defend myself. When I tried, the guy said, "Well, we're going to find you guilty."

Now all of the sudden there are about 4 to 6 guys down here but none of them is down here for the way mine was done. You see, mine came in the mail, which I know nothing about nor never saw or touched and they say they caught me talking about it over the phone. I asked these people here that did the investigation on me where the evidence is? They said they destroyed it. But I still have my piece of evidence that they did not want to see. All the guys I talk to are African American but one, and he's my next-door neighbor.

I am also handicapped and they are really treating me bad. I've always had a handicap cell until now. I fell and hurt my back and they only came and lifted up, put me in my wheelchair and left. This doctor Chada guy is taking away all of my lay-ins away, one by one. I am really in bad shape and really need some assistance. If anyone receives this letter, please get back with me as soon as possible. I've been down here suffering for 3 months and my complaining has fallen on deaf ears. Please help me.

Thank you.