

I Just Need Help

Stewart Jackson is an African American in his early twenties, serving time in administrative segregation at Southeast Correctional Center, Charleston, Missouri, a maximum security prison notorious for its brutality against black prisoners, as well as for its deliberate indifference towards their medical needs as a means of inflicting pain and suffering. Mr. Jackson reached out to Missouri CURE, reporting consistent medical neglect and manipulation of his medical records to cover the deliberate endangerment of his life, severe abuse by correctional staff and their deliberate failure to protect him from potential harm. All these human rights violations, in conjunction with the fact that Mr. Jackson was even denied access to the grievance procedure, raises the question of *what else* will it take until this so-called ‘correctional’ facility is closed down for good.

Dear Missouri Cure,

*My name is Stewart Jackson. I am writing to inform you what just happened to me 7/23/19, time 8:00 pm-11:30 pm. I informed a nurse named Christy William I had chest pains. She told me she will come by my cell after she finished med pass, that she will check my vitals. **Nurse Christy went home and didn't come back to check my vitals. I had a code 16 medical emergency. I was on the floor unresponsive and unconscious! I received a head injury which the nurse who assessed me, Kumiko Harrington, did not document.***

***I have a witness and the camera will show a big knot in the middle of my forehead.** I was made to walk to medical when I passed back out on the way and struck my face on the concrete from lack of support to walk when staff knew I was not stable. I was neglected when I got to medical and did not receive any treatment, and they lied on my vitals to cover up their tracks. I was told I had to walk back. This happened in segregation on 9/8/19 between 11:30 am-12:00 pm. I was assaulted by staff and neglected by medical.*

The CO and sergeant got mad because I kept requesting protective custody because of the type of offenders they tried to put me in the adseg-cell with.

I received a write up (10/1) for assaulting an officer who said I squeezed his hand when he unhooked me from the bench. Then when he and a CO took me to a cell they started bending my wrists (what they call a wrist lock) and forced me to bend at the waist then drove me face first into the ground.

Then they dug their knees in my back, yelling for me to get up or they will mace me. I was dizzy from smacking my head but I still tried, but they maced me anyway. They cut the water off so I could not wash the mace out of my eyes.

*I told a nurse named Jacquelyn Meredith I had chest pain, a head injury, and wrist injury but **she didn't document anything**, but I got maced, after which I passed out because it was hard to breath.*

I wrote IRR'S on both incidents but I'm pretty sure case managers will not document it. But the camera is my witness and I have an affidavit from other witnesses.

*On 9/30/19 I declared chest pain to nurse Jacquelyn Meredith in front of a CO named Bell during med pass at around 7:30-9:30 pm. She bluntly told me she was not calling it in or assessing me. Between 10:00-10:50 pm, a code 16 was called, reporting that I was again unconscious in a puddle of sweat. I was awakened by nurse Meredith with ammonia. She lied, saying I had cold water on me. Then she said she could not check my vitals because of how my arms were positioned when I was handcuffed, so she told the sergeant I needed to go to medical. The sergeant told her I would have to wait until count was cleared. **The C.O.s tried to take me back out to the cell with my cellmate, knowing I am not supposed to be in the cell with another offender if I am not stable. The sergeant told them "No" and to put me back in the cell**, and I passed out again when they were walking me. The C.O. woke me back up, but no nurse was called. They laid me on my bunk. The sergeant told the COs to step out, because he was going against policy by cuffing me to my bunk while I was in adseg. Then they brought my cellmate back in.*

The camera will show that only my cellmate got un-cuffed through the food port. I could have got raped in the cell because I was unable to defend myself. I've been asking for a grievance form but have not been given one.

I've been getting neglected since I been back at SECC on 1/12/18. I would like to file a civil suit or something. I just need help.

Sincerely,

Stewart Jackson [name changed]