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Federal Inmate Cases

1. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Will Sitton

Case Number: 2:17-cv-00111-JMC-VCF

Inmate Location: Clark County Detention Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Judge Ferenbach

Summary: Plaintiff alleges that his 1st, 4th, 5th, 6th, 7th, 8th and 14th amendment rights have been violated by multiple defendants while incarcerated at Clark County Detention Center. Plaintiff alleges cruel and unusual punishment due to solitary confinement, restricted visitation, denial of program access, restricted commissary, and overuse of restraints. Claims all requests and grievances have been denied, therefore not allowing him the right to due process. Plaintiff alleges that because he faces capital charges he is being singled out and receiving prejudice treatment. Plaintiff alleges multiple injuries as a result of restraints and treatment from correctional officers. Plaintiff alleges threats of violence and sexual assault. Plaintiff alleges retaliation from correctional officers because of grievances filed. All incidents are being alleged as excessive force from the officers. Plaintiff alleges that they have withheld food as a form of punishment and restricted commissary use so that it cannot be supplemented by that means. Plaintiff alleges physical and mental exhaustion due to not being able to sleep deprivation, as he is housed with psych holds. Plaintiff alleges that medical treatment has been withheld as well.

2. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – James Greenfield

Case Number: 3:19-cv-00440-MMD-CLB

Inmate Location: Lovelock Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Carla Baldwin

Summary: This is a medical complaint stating plaintiff's 8th and 14th amendment rights have been violated. Plaintiff claims that deliberate indifference to serious medical needs that were caused by an injury sustained while incarcerated from a fall he experienced in the shower. Plaintiff claims the injury affects his daily activities and quality of life. Plaintiff is seeking preliminary injunction to allow him to see a specialist as well as compensatory and punitive damages for deliberate indifference as well as pain and suffering.

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3. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Evans Tutt

Case Number: 319-CV-00198-MMD-WGC

Inmate Location: Northern Nevada Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable William Cobb

Summary: Plaintiff complained of severe pain due to blood clots. The pain was so intense that he lost consciousness multiple times, after which he was moved to the infirmary. Nurses refused to call the doctor at first. When the doctor was finally called the nurse and doctor both told plaintiff there was nothing wrong with him and refused treatment. Plaintiff contacted his family in fear for his life and pleading for help. Family made multiple calls to the warden, governor, NDOC director, and the FBI. Plaintiff was finally transported to the hospital where it was determined that he was near death. He was kept at the hospital for treatment for over 3 weeks. He was then returned to the NNCC infirmary. He filed a grievance about the deliberate indifference shown by NNCC medical staff. After the grievance was filed two correctional officers physically assaulted the plaintiff stating, “he wouldn’t be so lucky next time” and “it was a wasted effort to save the life of that n****r”. After filing another complaint, he was assaulted again, his wheelchair was taken away, and he was put in an isolation cell. He has not received the prescribed follow up treatment causing extreme anxiety, belief he will die, and continued extreme pain that has caused him to lose consciousness multiple times.

4. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – William E. Harris

Case Number: 3:20-cv-00557-MMD-WGC

Inmate Location – Northern Nevada Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable William Cobb

Summary: Plaintiff tried multiple times to get moved to a new location due to threats he received from another inmate. His requests were ignored or denied. Refusal to move him resulted in him being attacked in his sleep by the other inmate that had threatened him. Injuries included a brutal beating by a metal cane which ultimately resulted in permanent loss of vision. Plaintiff also suffered from multiple stab wounds, contusions, and bruising. The stab wounds resulted in trouble breathing. Plaintiff alleges he was given nothing for pain management and treatment at the time of the attack was minimal. He complained multiple times of loss of vision, headaches, anxiety, sleep deprivation, and PTSD. He alleges that he was supposed to receive an MRI, and this did not take place for several months. The now permanent blindness that is a result of the beating also went untreated for months. Plaintiff still suffers from extreme pain, trouble breathing, sleep deprivation due to anxiety and PTSD.

5. Federal Civil Rights – Inmate – David Reed

Case Number: 2:19-cv-00326-JAQ-BNW

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Inmate Location – High Desert State Prison

Type of Appointment – General

Referring Judge: Honorable Judge Dorsey

Summary: Plaintiff claims officers retaliated against him with violence because of a grievance he filed against another correctional officer. He alleges being called a snitch for other prisoners to hear. Being beaten by multiple officers without provocation because he refused to sign paperwork declaring he was in a gang. Plaintiff maintains that he has not been gang affiliated for years. Plaintiff alleges 1st amendment retaliation, 8th amendment excessive force, 8th amendment failure to protect, and 14th amendment lack of due process. All allegations stem from a violent beating that the plaintiff received where the accounts of the event are vastly different from the plaintiff, defendant, and witnesses.

6. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Bryan Dryden

Case No.: A-16-730336-C

Inmate Location – High Desert State Prison

Type of Appointment – General

Referring Judge – Honorable Judge Dorsey

Summary: Plaintiff alleges that his 1st and 8th amendment rights were violated as a result of an incident on 1.8.14. Plaintiff alleges that a correctional officer (one of the defendants) sat in on his hearing and then announced to the other prisoners on the transport that Dryden was a “snitch” and was going to turn states witness. He was threatened with bodily harm and death by other inmates upon return to the general population. Dryden alerted officers to these threats and was taken as threatening the officers. He was at that time physically assaulted by the defendant and it was reported that he had fallen off the transport van, a complete fabrication according to the plaintiff. Claims are that his 8th amendment rights were violated because of his alleged assault by officers and multiple assaults by other inmates and the failure of prison officials to protect him. Plaintiff alleges excessive force from officers. Plaintiff alleges retaliation from officers because he filed grievances. Plaintiff alleges HDSP was then negligent in his medical treatment after he was attacked. Lastly plaintiff alleges that the warden impeded his ability to take this matter to court (violation of 1st amendment) and that he retaliated based on the grievances filed.

7. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Balmore Villatoro

Case No.: 3:16-W-00531-MMD-WGC

Inmate Location: Lovelock Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Judge William Cobb

Summary: Plaintiff has issues with his eyesight, he is legally blind. Plaintiff sent multiple kites to the prison medical department stating that he was supposed to have transitional lenses.

Request was denied and plaintiff obtained clip on sunglasses. Sunglasses were confiscated. As a

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result, plaintiff could not see properly and fell down a flight of stairs causing severe injury. When plaintiff was sent to NNCC for medical treatment he was placed in the hole and was told this was due to him being a security threat. According to plaintiff there was never a charge or due process for this action. He suffered from sleep deprivation during his time in the hole, which lasted 8-9 months. Plaintiff was sent for an MRI at an outside facility multiple times and there was yet to be any treatment. Plaintiff complains of medical negligence, as the pain and medical issues have gotten exceedingly worse with no treatment provided.

8. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Mark Severns

Case No.: 3:20-cv-00407

Inmate Location: Northern Nevada Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable William Cobb

Summary: Plaintiff alleges violation of 6th, 14th, and 8th amendments. He alleges he has been denied due process, that correctional officers and medical staff have demonstrated deliberate indifference, cruel and unusual punishment, “liberty interest” created by state institutions, torture, “equal protection clause”, and discrimination of a debilitated person. Plaintiff claims he is severely mentally ill with symptoms related to paranoid schizophrenia. Plaintiff alleges he has not received treatment for these issues resulting in further medical issues.

9. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Keshone Owens

Case No.: 2:19-cv-00126-RFB-PAL

Inmate Location: High Desert State Prison

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Brenda Weksler

Summary: Plaintiff alleges violation of 14th amendment in regards to being denied due process. Plaintiff alleges that failed to apply his credits towards parole or release resulting in wrong parole eligibility date, wrong level of custody, and sanctions resulting in longer imprisonment. Plaintiff alleges he was subjected to Ex-post Facto/ De-Facto law in violation of US Constitution. Plaintiff also alleges he was subjected to cruel and unusual punishment, a violation of the 8th amendment. Plaintiff claims that the defendants deliberately and indifferently deprived him of parole.

10. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Sergey Mkhitarian

Case No.: 2:20-cv-02169-JAD-NJK

Inmate Location: Clark County Detention Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Judge Nancy Koppe

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Summary: Plaintiff alleges that his 8th, 4th, and 14th amendment rights have been violated. Plaintiff alleges that he was released from his cell for breakfast before any other inmates and that other inmates were not released from their cells until after he had received his tray. Upon biting into his breakfast, he heard and felt a crunch. 30 minutes later he said he felt ill, was sweating, and his pupils were dilated. Plaintiff believes he was drugged. Based on how he felt, plaintiff believes it was meth. Plaintiff alleges he was drugged with the cooperation of the correctional officer that released him from his cell. Plaintiff alleges that following this event there were efforts to intentionally cause mental and emotional stress. Plaintiff requested to be moved to protective custody via a note to a CO. Plaintiff alleges CO showed note to his neighbor before opening his door. Request for protective custody was denied. Because the unit witnessed him pack his things and his neighbor had been shown his note he refused to return to his cell, and he was placed in disciplinary housing (the hole). Mental distress caused him to be moved to Lake's Crossing for mental health evaluation. He was returned to his previous place of incarceration 6 weeks later with no diagnosis. Plaintiff claims all above events have led to verbal and physical abuse from inmates and correctional officers.

11. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Brandyn Gayler

Case No.: 2:17-cv-02429-JAD-GWF

Inmate Location: High Desert State Prison

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Jennifer Dorsey

Summary: Plaintiff alleges that his 1st amendment rights and right to due process have been violated based on the upholding of disciplinary finding against him, for enforcing grievance-limitation rules, and for the procedures used in his disciplinary proceeding. Plaintiff believes that he was disciplined as retaliation for filing so many grievances against the institution. Plaintiff alleges that the institution has tried to silence him by enacting new protocol A.R. 740 that limit frequency of grievances and give less time from date of incident to file. Plaintiff alleges he has been denied access to courts and due process for civil rights proceedings.

12. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate - Michael McLaughlin

Case No.: 2:21-cv-00002-RFB-BNW

Inmate Location: Southern Desert Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Richard Boulware

Summary: Plaintiff alleges that he was having intestinal and bowel issues and had not “evacuated waste” in three days causing pain. Plaintiff made claims of burning sensation in his large and small intestines. Plaintiff filed medical requests which were ignored by prison officials. Plaintiff then filed three emergency medical grievances, all were ignored and designated a non-emergent medical issue. Plaintiff's symptoms greatly intensified causing him to be physically sick in his cell and immobile. Plaintiff alleges the COs made fun of his condition during this time.

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Plaintiff alleges his 5th, 8th, and 14th amendment rights have been violated by enforcement of cruel and unusual punishment, deliberate indifference to serious medical needs, and equal protection violations. He also alleges he has been denied access to due process in reporting other violations to the courts. Lastly plaintiff alleges harassment from correctional officers in the face of medical emergency.

13. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Lausteveion Johnson

Case No.: 2:17-cv-01671-APG-VCF

Inmate Location: Southern Desert Correctional Center

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Elayna Youchah

Summary: Plaintiff alleges violations of his 1st, 8th, and 14th amendment rights. Plaintiff alleges he was threatened by medical staff and correctional officers in retaliation for grievances filed by plaintiff. Plaintiff says they threatened to cut off his genitalia and to kill him in retaliation for grievances filed. Plaintiff alleges cruel and unusual punishment because he was moved to solitary confinement, and through he requested mental health help multiple times his requests were ignored or denied. Plaintiff alleges that because they refused mental health services, this resulted in actions that caused even more severe punishment and contribute to plaintiff's attempted suicide. Plaintiff alleges correctional officers withholding food and basic human needs such as access to healthcare, showers, etc. Client alleges his grievances have been ignored, denied, or buried to keep this mistreatment from being heard by the courts and therefore alleges they have denied him the right to due process.

14. Federal Inmate Civil Rights – Inmate – Anthony Kenneth Anderson

Case No.: 2:21-cv-00514-APG-EJY

Inmate Location: Southern Desert C.T.N.

Type of Appointment: General

Referring Judge: Honorable Andrew Gordon

Summary: Plaintiff alleges that the Southern Desert C.T.N is not in compliance with ADA regulations and that there has been deliberate indifference to his disability. He also alleges that his various medical issues have not been properly treated causing further issues and unrepairable damage to his reproductive organs along with massive weight gain. Plaintiff also alleges that his 8th and 14th amendment rights have been violated due to cruel and unusual punishment as well as deliberate indifference. Improper treatment of the plaintiff's medical condition has caused swelling of limbs, joint pain, daily migraine headaches, balance issues, hearing loss in the right ear, internal intestinal bleeding, sores that won't heal, and change in fingernail and toenail texture. Due to all these ailments going untreated plaintiff alleges cruel and unusual punishment and deliberate indifference to his condition.

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