



**U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons**

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February 25, 2020

Austin Evers
American Oversight
1030 15th Street NW, Suite B255
Washington, DC 20005

FOIA Request Numbers: 2019-02979, 2019-02980 & 2019-02982

Dear Mr. Evers:

This is in response to the above referenced Freedom of Information Act (FOIA) requests.

In response to your requests, staff located 720 pages of responsive records, which were forwarded to this office for a release determination. After careful review, we determined 58 pages are appropriate for release in full, 123 pages are appropriate for release in part and 539 pages must be withheld in their entirety. Copies of releasable records are attached.

Pursuant to the Freedom of Information Act, 5 U.S.C. § 552, records were redacted or withheld in full from disclosure to you under the following exemptions:

(b)(5)
(b)(6)
(b)(7)(C)
(b)(7)(F).

An explanation of the FOIA exemptions is attached.

As you are aware, because of the complexity of your requests, the amount of time required to process your requests in their entirety has increased. In an effort to be as responsive to your requests as possible, we are processing the records currently available and will supplement the release as more records become available. Once the final set of records is provided to you, you will receive appeal rights that apply to the entire release, regardless of when the date you receive the records.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

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Explanation of FOIA Exemptions Used by the Federal Bureau of Prisons

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(1) protects classified information.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(2) concerns matters related solely to internal agency personnel rules or practices.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(3) concerns matters specifically exempted from release by statute.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(4) concerns trade secrets and commercial or financial information obtained from a person that is privileged or confidential.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(5) concerns certain inter- and intra-agency communications protected by the deliberative process privilege, the attorney work-product privilege, and/or the attorney-client privilege.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(6) concerns material the release of which would constitute a clearly unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(A) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to interfere with enforcement proceedings.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(B) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would deprive a person of a right to a fair trial or an impartial adjudication.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(C) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to constitute an unwarranted invasion of the personal privacy of third parties.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(D) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to disclose the identities of confidential sources and information furnished by such sources.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(E) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which would disclose techniques and procedures for law enforcement investigations or prosecutions.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(7)(F) concerns records or information compiled for law enforcement purposes the release of which could reasonably be expected to endanger the life or personal safety of an individual.

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(8) concerns matters that are "contained in or related to examination, operating, or condition reports prepared by, on behalf of, or for the use of an agency responsible for the regulation or supervision of financial institutions."

5 U.S.C. § 552(b)(9) concerns geological and geophysical information and data, including maps, concerning wells.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

10/14/, 2019

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To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

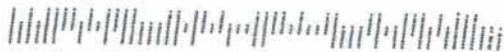
Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DOB: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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September 5, 2019

Via U.S. Mail

U.S. Department of Justice
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Re: Administrative Complaint by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) enclosed please find:

- SF-95 Claim Form
- SF-95 Supplement
- Authorization to File SF-95

If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (212) 763-5000 or by email at krosenfeld@ecbalaw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Katherine Rosenfeld

Encl.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency: Federal Bureau of Prisons Northeast Regional Office U.S. CUSTOM HOUSE, 7TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) c/o Emery Celli Brickerhoff & Abady LLP 600 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor New York, New York 10020		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN		4. DATE OF BIRTH (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		5. MARITAL STATUS Single	
6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 01/27/2019 02/03/2019		7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) A.M.			
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Please see attached.					
DATE RECEIVED FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS REGIONAL COUNSEL OFFICE SEP 10 2019					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). (See instructions on reverse side).					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
CELLMATE #1		UNKNOWN			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE		12b. PERSONAL INJURY		12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	
		1,000,000		12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights).	
				1,000,000	
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side). 			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM 212-763-5066		14. DATE OF SIGNATURE 9/4/19
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

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28 CFR 14.2

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INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident Insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

- (a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.
- (b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.
- (c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.
- (d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

- A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

- B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE

This notice is solely for the purpose of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Torts Branch, Attention: Paperwork Reduction Staff, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 or to the Office of Management and Budget. Do not mail completed form(s) to these addresses.

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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined in Unit I63, Cell 15061
107103
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.

10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers or clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.
- b. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3,

Supplement to Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death (Standard Form 95)

2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: claustrophobia, anxiety, coughing and sneezing, hip pain, insomnia, breathing difficulty and dizziness. During the blackout, the freezing cold exacerbated my asthma, which was only helped somewhat after using my inhaler. All requests I made for medical attention were ignored.

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Sincerely,

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D.O.B:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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September 17, 2019

Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP
600 Fifth Avenue at Rockefeller Center
10th Floor
New York, NY 10020

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received September 10, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06801

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

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August 6, 2019
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS
REC'D

AUG 30 2019

NERO-PHILADELPHIA

Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Supplemental Claim

Location: MDC Brooklyn

Dates of Incident: 1/27/19 – 2/03/19

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this firm represents the above-referenced claimant along with his prison ID, whom was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered injuries based on violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. On June 14, 2019, our office served upon you a claim on behalf of 37 claimants including the claimant listed above, and now serves this Supplemental Claim.

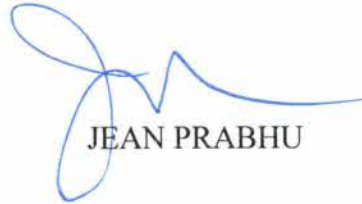
Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help or take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that posed unreasonable and substantial risks to their health and safety. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs and any communication with the outside world, including but not limited to the following:

- Heating (in freezing temperatures)
- Suitable nutrition
- Electricity (kept in darkness)
- Flushable toilets/plumbing/showers
- drinking water
- Medical attention/medication
- Breathable air free from toxic fumes
- Access to clean clothes and bedding
- Excessive lockdown
- Extra blankets for warmth
- Communications with Counsel/family
- Administrative remedies

Wherefore, [REDACTED] sustained damages in excess of one million dollars
\$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,



JEAN PRABHU

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September 10, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
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The Woolworth Building
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Re: Your Administrative Claims Received August 23, 2019

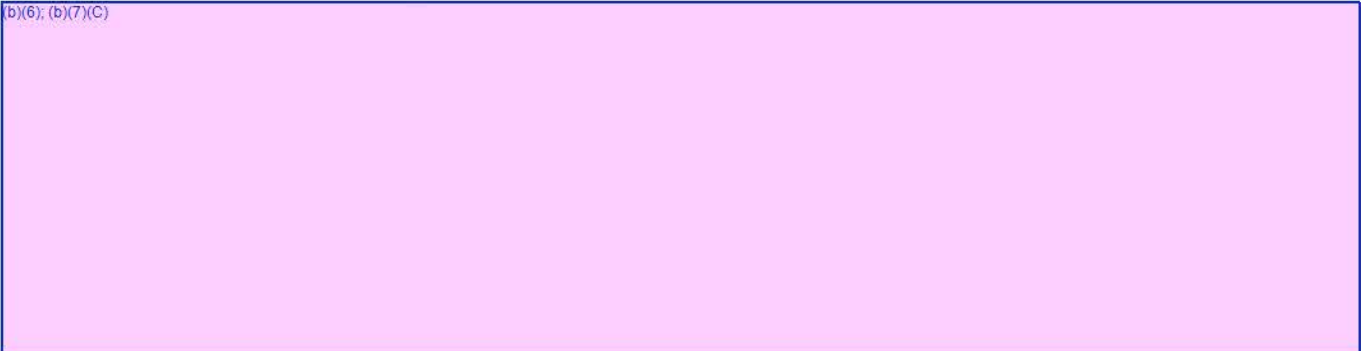
Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following administrative tort claims you filed on behalf of claimants seeking compensation for alleged personal injuries they suffered at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ms. Jean Prabhu
September 10, 2019
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b(6); (b)(7)(C)



Each claim provided a sum certain "in excess of one million dollars." However, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 14.2, each claim must seek a specific dollar amount when you file a claim. Accordingly, the claims are rejected at this time.

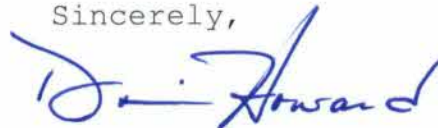
In addition, we will not be able to correspond with you unless you provide proof that you are authorized to represent each claimant as their legal representative. See 28 C.F.R. § 14.2.

If you wish these claims to be considered for administrative settlement, please re-submit the claim documents with the above-noted information. The enclosed Claim for Damage, Injury or Death form (SF-95) may be used in the instance of personal injury for each claim.

Lastly, please be advised that constitutional claims are not cognizable under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

All correspondence regarding these claims should be addressed to Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding these claims change in any fashion, you should contact this office immediately. Also, should your address change, you should advise this office accordingly.

Sincerely,



Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

Enclosure

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
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NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code).					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side).					
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16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

- B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
- C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
- D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

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Northeast Regional Office
Darrin Howard, Regional Counsel
US Custom House
2nd & Chestnut Streets, Room 701
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Claim No: TRT-NER-2019-06560

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of September 10, 2019, and accordingly, have enclosed a copy of the above claimant's Retainer indicating Burns & Harris is his authorized representative for this claim.

The above claimant was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered personal and emotional injuries based on the negligence and intentional infliction of physical and emotional injury at MDC Brooklyn and violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. This is our third submission of this claim and have previously served notices dated June 14, 2019 and August 6, 2019.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help nor take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that caused unreasonable and substantial injury. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs, medical attention, any communication with the outside world, and suffered personal and emotional injuries as a result.

Wherefore, the above claimant sustained damages in the amount of one million dollars \$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,



JEAN PRABHU

JP/rb/Enc.

RETAINER AGREEMENT

TO: BURNS & HARRIS
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279
(212) 393-1000

I, _____ (Client), the undersigned retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm), as my attorneys to prosecute a claim for negligence against any and all parties, individuals and/or corporations that are found to be liable under the law for damages suffered by me arising from personal injury sustained by me. I _____, the spouse of _____ (Client), retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm) to represent me for a derivative cause of action for the loss of services and society of my spouse due to the injuries claimed as a result of the defendant(s) negligence. I(We) specifically agree as follows:

1. **FEE PERCENTAGE:** Although I have been advised of the right to retain the law firm under an arrangement whereby the firm would be compensated on the basis of the reasonable value of services rendered or on an hourly rate, I and the law firm agree that the law firm shall be paid Thirty Three and One-Third (33 1/3%) Percent of the sum recovered, whether by suit, settlement or otherwise. In computing the fee, the costs as taxed, including interest upon a judgment, shall be deemed part of the amount recovered. In litigating the claim, the law firm may become eligible for attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988. The Client agrees that any and all fees obtained by the law firm under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 are to be paid to the law firm in addition to the 33 1/3% of the sum recovered. If, as a result of the recovery obtained in your lawsuit brought by the law firm, a workers' compensation carrier waives any of its workers' compensation lien, then the law firm shall be entitled to recover from you an additional fee of 33 1/3% of the portion of the waiver that exceeds one third of the total lien amount owed.

2. **DISBURSEMENTS:** In the event there is no recovery, the Client shall not be obligated to pay the law firm a legal fee for services rendered. Disbursements may include some of the following expenses: court filing fees, sheriff fees, medical and hospital report/record fees, doctor's report, court stenographer fees, deposition costs, expert fees for expert depositions and court appearances, trial exhibits, computer on-line search fees, express mail, postage, photocopy charges, document management charges, long distance telephone charges, among other charges. Document management charges are the fees charged by the law firm for processing documents during litigation, such as medical records, documents produced by defendants(s) and/or other parties, etc. Processing of the documents may include but is not limited to the following: (1) scanning; (2) conversion of native files to PDF documents; (3) OCR (Optical Code Recognition); and/or (4) indexing. At the time of settlement and distribution of proceeds, if the law firm has advanced the disbursements, the law firm shall be reimbursed for all disbursements which shall be deducted from the recovery.

In the event that this firm has been retained by others having the same claim or a similar case, disbursements regarding the liability and/or damages of the defendants may be shared proportionately by all such plaintiffs.

The disbursements involved in prosecuting the case may be advanced by the Client or by the law firm. The Client may choose either option. If the Client elects to advance the money for disbursements (Option I), the Client must pay each disbursement as it is incurred. If the Client elects to have the law firm advance the money for Disbursements (Option II), at the end of each case, the law firm shall be reimbursed from the recovery for any disbursements the law firm advanced.

In the event the Client elects to advance the disbursements (Option I), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted prior to the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, the law firm will have no responsibility to repay the client for case disbursements.

In the event the Client elects to have the law firm advance the disbursements (Option II), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted from the Client's share after the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, or if the amount recovered is not sufficient to pay such disbursements in full, Client will not be responsible to pay such disbursements.

In the event no choice is selected by the Client, it will be assumed that the Client wishes to have the law firm advance all disbursements (Option II).

Option I

(initials)_____ I elect to advance the money for disbursements. I want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I understand that my immediate payment of such charges is required as many fees are tied to time-sensitive deadlines.

Option

(initials)_____ I elect to have the law firm advance the money for disbursements. I do not want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I agree that if there is a recovery of money on my case, the law firm will be reimbursed from that recovery for the costs and expenses advanced by the law firm. The Client hereby gives permission that the law firm may borrow monies from a third party for expenses and disbursements. Interest will then be charged to the Client as an additional expense.

3. **COMPUTATION OF FEES:** Under Option II, the contingency fee shall be computed on the gross recovery, resulting in a net settlement (or judgment), from which all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Under Option I, the contingency fee shall be computed on the net recovery after all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Examples of how a contingency fee is computed are as follows:

Option I

Client advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
Disbursements	- \$10.00
Net settlement	\$90.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$30.00</u>
Net to Client	\$60.00

Option II

Law firm advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$33.33</u>
Net settlement	\$66.67
Disbursements	- <u>\$10.00</u>
Net to Client	\$56.67

4. **MEDICAL BILLS:** All medical bills incurred which are not paid by the Client's medical insurance and are due and owing shall be chargeable to the Client's portion of the settlement. There may be additional deductions representing outstanding medical bills, liens to doctors for unpaid medical services rendered, or medical services not covered by medical insurance. The recovery of these medical services are included in the gross settlement and shall be paid from the Client's share of the recovery. Unpaid medical providers often will wait for payment until the conclusion of the case, however, in consideration for such abeyance, they will request a lien upon the settlement proceeds. The Client expressly authorizes the firm to sign such lien forms, which may be requested by physicians, and to directly pay outstanding medical bills for treatment to such physicians or other health care providers at the conclusion of the case. This authorization shall include medical and hospital expenses, and subrogation claims. The Client understands that medical providers do not provide medical services contingent upon the outcome of a case, and that in the event that there is no recovery, or an insufficient recovery, the Client will remain responsible for the payment of such medical bills.

5. **NO-FAULT PROCESSING FEE:** If this Retainer Agreement is entered for the processing of a claim for personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident wherein "No-Fault" insurance is applicable, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay a fee of \$350.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Dollars) upon the successful conclusion of the case for the processing of statutory "No-Fault" benefits. This charge represents a lien on any proceeds of the case in favor of the attorney for professional services rendered in processing the "No-Fault" benefits.

6. **WITHDRAWALS:** The law firm expressly reserves the right to withdraw its representation at any time upon reasonable notification to the Client. In the event that the Client advises the law firm to discontinue the handling of this claim, or if the Client fails to cooperate with the law firm in the handling of this claim, Client agrees to compensate the law firm a reasonable amount for its services, and for the time spent on this claim on an hourly basis or under such other arrangement that may be agreed upon by the parties. The Client understands that the law firm has

conditionally accepted this case based upon the independent confirmation of all facts and injuries claimed to have been sustained by Client. In the event that the Client desires to transfer the file from this office, the Client shall be responsible to compensate the law firm for the reasonable value of their services. Such transfer shall not include documents or attorney work product regarding the general liability of the defendants.

7. **APPEALS:** Client further understands that the services to be provided through this agreement will NOT extend through the prosecution/defense of an appeal or representation on an appeal brought by any of the parties to the lawsuit. Client understands that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. may charge reasonable additional compensation if the case is appealed, or it is necessary to try the case more than once, the amount of which shall be an additional ten (10%) percent – totaling forty-three and one-third percent (43 1/3%) – of the sum recovered in negligence, intentional tort, civil rights and legal malpractice cases. Should attorney's fees under 42 USC § 1988 be awarded and an appeal be prosecuted pursuant to this section the firm may elect either 42 USC § 1988 fees or a 10% fee pursuant to this section but not both.

This further appellate representation will not require a new Fee Agreement. In the event the CLIENT's case is dismissed or an unfavorable verdict is rendered, the CLIENT agrees that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. reserves the right to decide whether or not to prosecute an appeal. If BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. declines to prosecute an appeal, and appeal is taken, and at any point in the appeal process there is an eventual recovery made in the case on behalf of the CLIENT, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. will be entitled to a fee that represents the fair value of the services rendered. BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. shall have the first right of selecting the basis of their fee in the first instance, and if BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. elects to be paid on an hourly rate, they shall be paid based on an hourly rate of six hundred dollars an hour (\$ 600/hour) for all work performed by BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., and their agents/servants/employees. Unless

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

red in writing, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., elects to be paid on a contingent fee

(initials)

8. **SURROGATES COURT PROCEEDINGS:** If the law firm decides to handle Surrogate's Court work and the client agrees, the firm may hire a Surrogate Court attorney and to take fees from the client's share of the recovery. The establishment of a trust may be performed at an extra expense to the client. The client may consult with an elder lawyer, wills or trusts attorney at their own expense.

9. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS:** I understand that the Statute of Limitations period for my case must be investigated and that this Agreement is made subject to that investigation as well as an investigation of my entire case.

10. **FINANCING OF CASE:** If the firm borrows money from any lending institution to finance the cost of the Client's case, the amounts advanced by this firm to pay the cost of prosecuting or defending a claim or action or otherwise protecting or promoting the Client's interest will bear interest at the highest lawful rate allowed by applicable law. In no event will the interest be greater than the amount paid by the firm to the lending institution.

11. RESULTS NOT GUARANTEED: No attorney can accurately predict the outcome of any legal matter, accordingly, no representations are made, either expressly or impliedly, as to the final outcome of this matter. I further understand that I must immediately report any changes in my residence, telephone number or health to the law firm. I understand that this Retainer Agreement is a binding legal contract. I expressly agree that I will fully and freely cooperate with (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) attorneys in all aspects required for the prosecution of this legal matter and that I will not take any actions that frustrate or impair the success of this action.

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POWER OF ATTORNEY NECESSARY FOR SETTLEMENT: Attorneys are hereby granted a power of attorney so that they may have full authority to prepare, sign and file all legal instruments, pleadings, drafts, authorizations and papers as shall be reasonably necessary to conclude this representation, including settlement and/or reducing to possession any and all monies or other things of value due to the Client under the claim as fully as the Client could do so in person. Attorneys are also authorized and empowered to act as Client's negotiator in any and all negotiations concerning the subject of this Agreement.

13. ASSOCIATION OF OTHER ATTORNEYS: Attorneys may, at their own expense, use or associate other attorneys in the representation of the aforesaid claims of the Client. Client understands that *the firm*, Seth A. Harris PLLC d/b/a Burns & Harris, is a professional limited liability company under the laws of New York with a number of attorneys. Various firm attorneys may work on Client's case.

14. ASSOCIATE COUNSEL: Attorneys may participate in the division of fees in this case and assume joint responsibility for the representation of the Client either in the event that the Attorney retains associate counsel or that the Client later chooses new counsel, provided that the total fee to the Client does not increase as a result of the division of fees and that the attorneys involved have agreed to the division of fees and assumption of joint responsibility.

15. FEE DISPUTES: In case of a fee dispute, the undersigned may be entitled to arbitration, if the fee falls within the parameters of the Fee Dispute Resolution Program, pursuant to 22 N.Y.C.R.R. PART 137 of the New York State Court Rules.

16. COLLECTION WORK: All work required to prosecute a collection case to recover an award will not be covered by this Agreement.

17. NEW YORK LAW TO APPLY: This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the rights, duties and obligations of Client and of Attorneys regarding Attorney's representation of Client and regarding anything covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

18. PARTIES BOUND: This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors, guardians and assigns.

19. LEGAL CONSTRUCTION: In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such

invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

20. PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED: This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

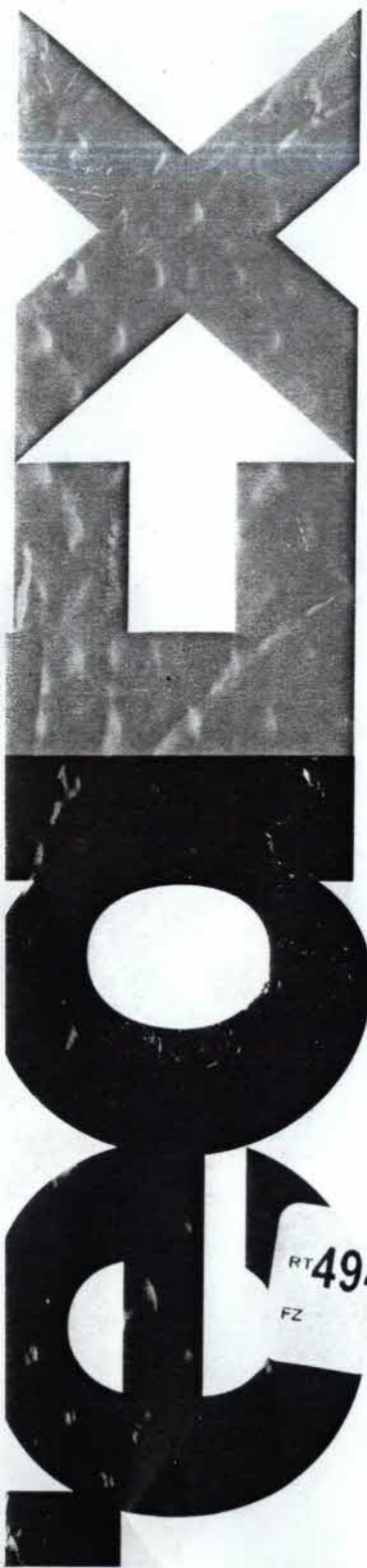
I certify and acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to read this Agreement and have answered any questions pertaining thereto. I further state that I have voluntarily entered into this Agreement fully aware of the terms and conditions.

DATED: Feb 21, 2019

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October 4, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris Attorneys At Law
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received September 24, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06560

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel



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Via Certified and Return Receipt Mail

U.S. Custom House-7th Floor
2nd & Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

March 7, 2019

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MDC BROOKLYN
P.O. Box 329002
Brooklyn, NY 11232

RE: Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02725
Claim Received March 4, 2019

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This is in response to your administrative tort claim in which you seek \$100,000.00 in compensation for an alleged personal injury sustained at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019. Specifically, you state a power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. You allege you suffered severe emotional distress, which affected your ability to sleep and focus. You contend you feared for your physical safety and possible assault.

After review, we have decided to deny your claim because you have not alleged an identifiable physical injury actionable under the Federal Tort Claims Act. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b)(2), 2672.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may bring an action against the United States in an appropriate United States District Court within six (6) months of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

cc: H. Quay, Warden, MDC Brooklyn

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Re: Administrative Tort Claim for Personal Injury [28 U.S.C. 2671, et. seq.]

Dear Mr. Howard:

The undersigned Claimant respectfully submits this claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") [28 U.S.C. 2672], and 28 C.F.R. 543.30, seeking compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 for personal injury that he suffered as a result of negligence by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn, New York. For the reasons that follow, this claim should be promptly settled.

I. THE RELEVANT FACTS.

At all times between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019, claimant was detained at the MDC (West Building). On January 27, 2019, the institution experienced a power outage which, upon information and belief, resulted from an electrical fire. Upon information and belief, the power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. More specifically, each cell (including claimant's assigned cell) was without lights, hot water, or heat for the approximately eight days (i.e. January 27, 2019 thru February 3, 2019). Staff was aware of the inhumane conditions, and took no steps to immediately restore the housing units or the cells within those units to habitable conditions.

Notably, however, on February 3, 2019, staff began distributing extra blankets to inmates in the institution in an effort to combat the exceptionally frigid temperatures. It should also be noted that during this period, institutional staff would visit housing units to check the cell temperatures. Some inmates blocked their ventilation ducts in an effort to prevent the exceptionally cold air from entering their cells through the ventilation system. This, however, also prevented staff from obtaining an accurate electronic reading of the temperature in those cells which had their vents blocked. Thus, on at least two occasions, staff entered the housing unit and presented to a particular cell where the air vent had been blocked, and recorded a temperature reading that was much warmer than the temperature in other cells where inmates had not blocked their air vents.

Throughout the period where claimant was denied suitable quarters, heat, hot water, and lights, he feared for his physical safety. He feared possible assault on his person by other inmates assigned to his housing unit. Despite inadequate lighting in the housing units, from on or about January 28, 2019 thru February 1, 2019, claimant and more than 100 other inmates assigned to his housing unit were permitted (and even required) to exit and remain outside of their respective cells for extended periods of times throughout the day and evening, supervised by only a single staff member who was physically unable to observe inmate activity throughout the unit due to extremely limited lighting in the common area. Claimant was required to exit his cell and enter the common area to obtain and consume his meals, as well as to shower. It should also be noted that during the institutional crisis, mental health staff was inaccessible to claimant and all other inmates assigned to his housing unit. This claimant was also not afforded an opportunity to meet with medical staff. All access to claimant's attorney was denied as attorneys were not permitted to enter the institution, and both the inmate telephone and email systems were not operational. Inmates were also denied a meaningful opportunity to send general correspondence since they were denied access to commissary to purchase required postage.

Again, despite the magnitude of the inhumane crisis, MDC staff took no immediate or appropriate action to restore the institution to normal operations, or to adhere to their responsibility to provide Claimant with appropriate housing.

During this crisis period claimant suffered severe emotional distress which affected, inter alia, claimant's ability to sleep and focus.

II. THE RELEVANT LAW.

(a) Liability Under The Federal Tort Claims Act.

The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") provides that the United States is liable for injury caused by the negligence

of its employees under circumstances where a private person would be liable according to "the laws of the place where the act or omission occurred," and thus New York law applies. {28 U.S.C. 1346(b); Kane v. United States, 189 F.Supp.2d 40, 51-52 (S.D.N.Y. 2002); Ducrepin v. United States, 964 F.Supp. 659, 663 (E.D.N.Y. 1997)} Under New York law, to prove a claim of negligence, plaintiff must establish three elements: (i) defendant owed plaintiff a duty of care; (ii) defendant breached that duty; and (iii) the breach proximately caused plaintiff's injury. {Kane, 189 F.Supp.2d at 51-52}

(b) The Bureau of Prisons Owed Claimant a Duty of Care.

Although state laws sets out the elements required to prove negligence, the standard of care for the Federal Bureau of Prisons is "fixed by 18 U.S.C. 4042, independent of [any] inconsistent state rule" allowing for a local jailor's immunity from suit, or a lesser duty. {United States v. Muniz, 374 U.S. 150, 164 (1963)} Section 4042(a) requires that the Bureau of Prisons provide "suitable quarters and provide for the safekeeping, care, and subsistence of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States." {18 U.S.C. 4042(a)(2)} This statutory duty means that the Bureau of Prisons must exercise "ordinary diligence" or reasonable care "to keep prisoners safe and free from harm." {Coward v. United States, 617 F.2d 112, 116 (5th Cir. 1980); see also Herrington v. United States, 1984 WL 1279, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. 1984); Castor v. United States, 883 F.Supp. 344, 350 (S.D. Ind. 1995)}

It is clear that "the mere failure to provide suitable quarters" is not actionable; there must be fault. {Muhammed v. United States, 6 F.Supp.2d 582, 595 (N.D. Tex. 1998)} Only "a failure to exercise ordinary care, or reasonable care, to provide suitable quarters" is actionable. {Id.; Graham v. United States, 2002 WL 188573, at *4 (E.D. Pa. 2002)} (noting that mandatory duty of care set forth in Section 4042 "does not dictate the manner in which the duty must be fulfilled")

(c) New York Law Governing Claims Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress.

Under New York law, a claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress must be premised upon a breach of a duty owed "which either unreasonably endangers the plaintiff's physical safety, or causes the plaintiff to fear for his or her own safety." {Sheila C. v. Povich, 11 A.D.3d 120, 130 (1st Dep't 2004); see also Mortise v. United States, 102 F.3d 693, 696 (2d Cir. 1996)} Under New York law, a plaintiff may establish a claim of negligent infliction of emotion distress in one of two ways: (1) the "bystander" theory; or (2) the "direct duty theory." A plaintiff may recover for purely emotional injury under the "direct duty theory" when he/she suffers an emotional injury from defendant's breach of a duty which unreasonably endangers his/her own physical safety. {See, Mortise, 102 F.3d at 696 (citing Kennedy v. McKesson Co., 58 N.Y.2d 500, 504 (1983))} The duty in such cases must be specific to the plaintiff, and not some amorphous, free-floating duty to society. {Id.; (citing Johnson v. Jamaica Hosp., 62 N.Y.2d 523, 526-27 (1984))}

As noted, the Federal Bureau of Prisons owed claimant a specific duty of care, as described in Section 4042(a)(2) and (3), to provide him "suitable quarters," "safekeeping," and "protection."

III. APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO THE FACTS.

The facts and the law are relatively straightforward: On January 27, 2019, MDC Brooklyn experienced a significant power outage that adversely affected all housing units within its West Building. The outage rendered all cells (including claimant's) within the West Building uninhabitable by virtue of no lighting, heating, or hot water. MDC staff failed to take immediate steps to rectify the power outage or to restore the institutional to normal operations, as a result of being left in such inhumane and exceptionally dangerous conditions, claimant feared for his personal safety and life.

It goes without saying that the Federal Bureau of Prisons, in keeping with its mandated duty under Section 4042(a) (2) and (3), is required to provide "adequate heat" to all cells and housing units wherein prisoners will be confined. {See, Dugan v. Washington, 2001 WL 741626, at *5 (N.D. Ill. June 11, 2001)} (noting that prisoners need only be provided "adequate heat") That duty is specific. The duty to provide "safekeeping" and "protection" is also specific. {See, 18 U.S.C. 4042 (a)(2) and (3)} Each of those specific duties were breached when MDC staff failed to take steps to immediately rectify the power outage, resulting in approximately eight continuous days of fear of physical injury.

Bureau of Prisons employee's negligence in this matter is both inexplicable and unacceptable. Indeed, the failure to act reasonably has prompted investigations from the Office of the Inspectors General, as well as others. Given the indisputable facts, and well settled law, claimant is entitled to compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00.

IV. CONCLUSION.

For the reasons stated, claimant seeks prompt disposition and settlement of this claim.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

February 27, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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RE: Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02725
Claim Received March 4, 2019

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This is in response to your administrative tort claim in which you seek \$100,000.00 in compensation for an alleged personal injury sustained at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019. Specifically, you state a power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. You allege you suffered severe emotional distress, which affected your ability to sleep and focus. You contend you feared for your physical safety and possible assault.

After review, we have decided to deny your claim because you have not alleged an identifiable physical injury actionable under the Federal Tort Claims Act. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b)(2), 2672.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may bring an action against the United States in an appropriate United States District Court within six (6) months of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

cc: H. Quay, Warden, MDC Brooklyn



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August 20, 2019

Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP
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New York, NY 10020

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received August 12, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06123

Dear Ms. Gigliotta:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6);
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Darrin Howard
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Re: Administrative Complaint by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) enclosed please find:

- SF-95 Claim Form
- SF-95 Supplement
- Authorization to File SF-95

If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (212) 763-5000 or by email at krosenfeld@ecbalaw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Katherine Rosenfeld

Encl.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency: Federal Bureau of Prisons Northeast Regional Office U.S. Custom House, 7th Floor Philadelphia, PA			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) /o Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP 600 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor New York, NY 10020		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN		4. DATE OF BIRTH (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	5. MARITAL STATUS Married	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 01/27/2019 02/03/2019	
7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) A.M.					
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Please see attached.					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code).					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side).					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT. Please see attached.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		Register #: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) Brooklyn MDC, Brooklyn, NY 11201 Unknown			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE		12b. PERSONAL INJURY 1,000,000		12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	
				12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights). 1,000,000	
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side). <i>Katherine Rosenfeld</i>			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM (212) 763-5000		14. DATE OF SIGNATURE 8/7/19
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15. Do you carry accident insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number: ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No 17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

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This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.

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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined in Unit I-61, cell 
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.
- d. In addition to these facts, I also experienced the following circumstances between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: Clogged toilets and sink water was brown and black.

10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal

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uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers or clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.

- b. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: [Examples: nightmares, anxiety, asthma symptoms, nausea, diabetes, etc.]

Type 2 Diabetes. During the blackout, I had no access to my insulin shots. I was often shivering and almost went into diabetic shock due to my low-glucose level.

11. WITNESSES

The following people witnessed the circumstances that caused my injury:
[Provide name and address for each]

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

July 29, 2019

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To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DOB:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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July 19, 2019

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Attn: Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received July 15, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-05447

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019, to February 1, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Via U.S. Mail

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Re: Administrative Complaint by (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) enclosed please find:

- SF-95 Claim Form
- SF-95 Supplement
- Authorization to File SF-95

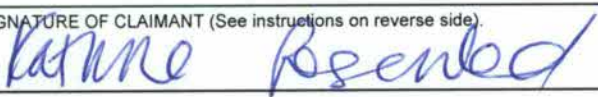
If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (212) 763-5000 or by email at krosenfeld@ecbalaw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Katherine Rosenfeld

Encl.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency: Federal Bureau of Prisons Northeast Regional Office U.S. CUSTOM HOUSE, 7TH FLOOR PHILADELPHIA, PA 19106			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) c/o Emery Celli Brickerhoff & Abady LLP 600 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor New York, New York 10020		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☐ CIVILIAN		4. DATE OF BIRTH (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	5. MARITAL STATUS	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 01/27/2019 02/01/2019	
7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) A.M.					
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Please see attached.					
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NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
CELLMATE #1		UNKNOWN			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE		12b. PERSONAL INJURY 1,000,000		12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	
				12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights). 1,000,000	
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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined on the 6th floor in unit 61, and the 9th floor in the Solitary Housing Unit.
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.

10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers or clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.

Supplement to Claim for Damage, Injury, or Death (Standard Form 95)

- b. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: difficulty breathing through my nose, and frequent nosebleeds that still have not been attended to. Despite multiple calls for medical attention, I was not seen by a doctor. I was placed in the Solitary Housing Unit after repeatedly requesting a refill for two of my sleeping medications. Without my medication, and due to the extreme cold and noise at MDC, I was unable to sleep during the blackout.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

07/08/2019

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
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U.S. Custom House
2nd & Chestnut St., 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

D.O.B: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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August 6, 2019

DATE RECEIVED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS
REGIONAL COUNSEL OFFICE

AUG 30 2019

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Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Supplemental Claim

Location: MDC Brooklyn

Dates of Incident: 1/27/19 – 2/03/19

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To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this firm represents the above-referenced claimant along with his prison ID, whom was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered injuries based on violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. On June 14, 2019, our office served upon you a claim on behalf of 37 claimants including the claimant listed above, and now serves this Supplemental Claim.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help or take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that posed unreasonable and substantial risks to their health and safety. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs and any communication with the outside world, including but not limited to the following:

- Heating (in freezing temperatures)
- Suitable nutrition
- Electricity (kept in darkness)
- Flushable toilets/plumbing/showers
- drinking water
- Medical attention/medication
- Breathable air free from toxic fumes
- Access to clean clothes and bedding
- Excessive lockdown
- Extra blankets for warmth
- Communications with Counsel/family
- Administrative remedies

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Wherefore, [REDACTED] sustained damages in excess of one million dollars
\$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to be 'JP', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

JEAN PRABHU

JP/rb/enc.

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September 10, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Your Administrative Claims Received August 23, 2019

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following administrative tort claims you filed on behalf of claimants seeking compensation for alleged personal injuries they suffered at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ms. Jean Prabhu
September 10, 2019
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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



Each claim provided a sum certain "in excess of one million dollars." However, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 14.2, each claim must seek a specific dollar amount when you file a claim. Accordingly, the claims are rejected at this time.

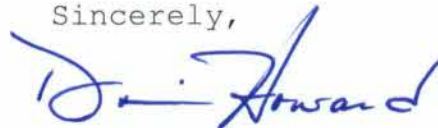
In addition, we will not be able to correspond with you unless you provide proof that you are authorized to represent each claimant as their legal representative. See 28 C.F.R. § 14.2.

If you wish these claims to be considered for administrative settlement, please re-submit the claim documents with the above-noted information. The enclosed Claim for Damage, Injury or Death form (SF-95) may be used in the instance of personal injury for each claim.

Lastly, please be advised that constitutional claims are not cognizable under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

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Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Claim No: TRT-NER-2019-06573

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of September 10, 2019, and accordingly, have enclosed a copy of the above claimant's Retainer indicating Burns & Harris is his authorized representative for this claim.

The above claimant was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered personal and emotional injuries based on the negligence and intentional infliction of physical and emotional injury at MDC Brooklyn and violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. This is our third submission of this claim and have previously served notices dated June 14, 2019 and August 6, 2019.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help nor take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that caused unreasonable and substantial injury. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs, medical attention, any communication with the outside world, and suffered personal and emotional injuries as a result.

Wherefore, the above claimant sustained damages in the amount of one million dollars \$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,

JEAN PRABHU

JP/rb/Enc.

RETAINER AGREEMENT

TO: BURNS & HARRIS
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279
(212) 393-1000

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Client), the undersigned retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm), as my attorneys to prosecute a claim for negligence against any and all parties, individuals and/or corporations that are found to be liable under the law for damages suffered by me arising from personal injury sustained by me. I (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), the spouse of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Client), retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm) to represent me for a derivative cause of action for the loss of services and society of my spouse due to the injuries claimed as a result of the defendant(s) negligence. I(We) specifically agree as follows:

1. **FEE PERCENTAGE:** Although I have been advised of the right to retain the law firm under an arrangement whereby the firm would be compensated on the basis of the reasonable value of services rendered or on an hourly rate, I and the law firm agree that the law firm shall be paid Thirty Three and One-Third (33 1/3%) Percent of the sum recovered, whether by suit, settlement or otherwise. In computing the fee, the costs as taxed, including interest upon a judgment, shall be deemed part of the amount recovered. In litigating the claim, the law firm may become eligible for attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988. The Client agrees that any and all fees obtained by the law firm under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 are to be paid to the law firm in addition to the 33 1/3% of the sum recovered. If, as a result of the recovery obtained in your lawsuit brought by the law firm, a workers' compensation carrier waives any of its workers' compensation lien, then the law firm shall be entitled to recover from you an additional fee of 33 1/3% of the portion of the waiver that exceeds one third of the total lien amount owed.

2. **DISBURSEMENTS:** In the event there is no recovery, the Client shall not be obligated to pay the law firm a legal fee for services rendered. Disbursements may include some of the following expenses: court filing fees, sheriff fees, medical and hospital report/record fees, doctor's report, court stenographer fees, deposition costs, expert fees for expert depositions and court appearances, trial exhibits, computer on-line search fees, express mail, postage, photocopy charges, document management charges, long distance telephone charges, among other charges. Document management charges are the fees charged by the law firm for processing documents during litigation, such as medical records, documents produced by defendants(s) and/or other parties, etc. Processing of the documents may include but is not limited to the following: (1) scanning; (2) conversion of native files to PDF documents; (3) OCR (Optical Code Recognition); and/or (4) indexing. At the time of settlement and distribution of proceeds, if the law firm has advanced the disbursements, the law firm shall be reimbursed for all disbursements which shall be deducted from the recovery.

In the event that this firm has been retained by others having the same claim or a similar case, disbursements regarding the liability and/or damages of the defendants may be shared proportionately by all such plaintiffs.

The disbursements involved in prosecuting the case may be advanced by the Client or by the law firm. The Client may choose either option. If the Client elects to advance the money for disbursements (Option I), the Client must pay each disbursement as it is incurred. If the Client elects to have the law firm advance the money for Disbursements (Option II), at the end of each case, the law firm shall be reimbursed from the recovery for any disbursements the law firm advanced.

In the event the Client elects to advance the disbursements (Option I), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted prior to the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, the law firm will have no responsibility to repay the client for case disbursements.

In the event the Client elects to have the law firm advance the disbursements (Option II), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted from the Client's share after the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, or if the amount recovered is not sufficient to pay such disbursements in full, Client will not be responsible to pay such disbursements.

In the event no choice is selected by the Client, it will be assumed that the Client wishes to have the law firm advance all disbursements (Option II).

Option I

(initials) _____ I elect to advance the money for disbursements. I want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I understand that my immediate payment of such charges is required as many fees are tied to time-sensitive deadlines.

Option II (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

(initials) _____ I elect to have the law firm advance the money for disbursements. I do not want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I agree that if there is a recovery of money on my case, the law firm will be reimbursed from that recovery for the costs and expenses advanced by the law firm. The Client hereby gives permission that the law firm may borrow monies from a third party for expenses and disbursements. Interest will then be charged to the Client as an additional expense.

3. COMPUTATION OF FEES: Under Option II, the contingency fee shall be computed on the gross recovery, resulting in a net settlement (or judgment), from which all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Under Option I, the contingency fee shall be computed on the net recovery after all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Examples of how a contingency fee is computed are as follows:

conditionally accepted this case based upon the independent confirmation of all facts and injuries claimed to have been sustained by Client. In the event that the Client desires to transfer the file from this office, the Client shall be responsible to compensate the law firm for the reasonable value of their services. Such transfer shall not include documents or attorney work product regarding the general liability of the defendants.

7. **APPEALS:** Client further understands that the services to be provided through this agreement will NOT extend through the prosecution/defense of an appeal or representation on an appeal brought by any of the parties to the lawsuit. Client understands that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. may charge reasonable additional compensation if the case is appealed, or it is necessary to try the case more than once, the amount of which shall be an additional ten (10%) percent – totaling forty-three and one-third percent (43 1/3%) – of the sum recovered in negligence, intentional tort, civil rights and legal malpractice cases. Should attorney's fees under 42 USC § 1988 be awarded and an appeal be prosecuted pursuant to this section the firm may elect either 42 USC § 1988 fees or a 10% fee pursuant to this section but not both.

This further appellate representation will not require a new Fee Agreement. In the event the CLIENT's case is dismissed or an unfavorable verdict is rendered, the CLIENT agrees that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. reserves the right to decide whether or not to prosecute an appeal. If BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. declines to prosecute an appeal, and appeal is taken, and at any point in the appeal process there is an eventual recovery made in the case on behalf of the CLIENT, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. will be entitled to a fee that represents the fair value of the services rendered. BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. shall have the first right of selecting the basis of their fee in the first instance, and if BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. elects to be paid on an hourly rate, they shall be paid based on an hourly rate of six hundred dollars an hour (\$ 600/hour) for all work performed by BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., and their agents/servants/employees. Unless otherwise stated in writing, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., elects to be paid on a contingent fee basis.

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8. **SURROGATES COURT PROCEEDINGS:** If the law firm decides to handle Surrogate's Court work and the client agrees, the firm may hire a Surrogate Court attorney and to take fees from the client's share of the recovery. The establishment of a trust may be performed at an extra expense to the client. The client may consult with an elder lawyer, wills or trusts attorney at their own expense.

9. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS:** I understand that the Statute of Limitations period for my case must be investigated and that this Agreement is made subject to that investigation as well as an investigation of my entire case.

10. **FINANCING OF CASE:** If the firm borrows money from any lending institution to finance the cost of the Client's case, the amounts advanced by this firm to pay the cost of prosecuting or defending a claim or action or otherwise protecting or promoting the Client's interest will bear interest at the highest lawful rate allowed by applicable law. In no event will the interest be greater than the amount paid by the firm to the lending institution.

Option I

Client advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
Disbursements	<u>-\$10.00</u>
Net settlement	\$90.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$30.00</u>
Net to Client	\$60.00

Option II

Law firm advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$33.33</u>
Net settlement	\$66.67
Disbursements	<u>-\$10.00</u>
Net to Client	\$56.67

4. **MEDICAL BILLS:** All medical bills incurred which are not paid by the Client's medical insurance and are due and owing shall be chargeable to the Client's portion of the settlement. There may be additional deductions representing outstanding medical bills, liens to doctors for unpaid medical services rendered, or medical services not covered by medical insurance. The recovery of these medical services are included in the gross settlement and shall be paid from the Client's share of the recovery. Unpaid medical providers often will wait for payment until the conclusion of the case, however, in consideration for such abeyance, they will request a lien upon the settlement proceeds. The Client expressly authorizes the firm to sign such lien forms, which may be requested by physicians, and to directly pay outstanding medical bills for treatment to such physicians or other health care providers at the conclusion of the case. This authorization shall include medical and hospital expenses, and subrogation claims. The Client understands that medical providers do not provide medical services contingent upon the outcome of a case, and that in the event that there is no recovery, or an insufficient recovery, the Client will remain responsible for the payment of such medical bills.

5. **NO-FAULT PROCESSING FEE:** If this Retainer Agreement is entered for the processing of a claim for personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident wherein "No-Fault" insurance is applicable, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay a fee of \$350.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Dollars) upon the successful conclusion of the case for the processing of statutory "No-Fault" benefits. This charge represents a lien on any proceeds of the case in favor of the attorney for professional services rendered in processing the "No-Fault" benefits.

6. **WITHDRAWALS:** The law firm expressly reserves the right to withdraw its representation at any time upon reasonable notification to the Client. In the event that the Client advises the law firm to discontinue the handling of this claim, or if the Client fails to cooperate with the law firm in the handling of this claim, Client agrees to compensate the law firm a reasonable amount for its services, and for the time spent on this claim on an hourly basis or under such other arrangement that may be agreed upon by the parties. The Client understands that the law firm has

11. **RESULTS NOT GUARANTEED:** No attorney can accurately predict the outcome of any legal matter, accordingly, no representations are made, either expressly or impliedly, as to the final outcome of this matter. I further understand that I must immediately report any changes in my residence, telephone number or health to the law firm. I understand that this Retainer Agreement is a binding legal contract. I expressly agree that I will fully and freely cooperate with my attorneys in all aspects required for the prosecution of this legal matter and that I will take no actions that frustrate or impair the success of this action.

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12. **APPROVAL NECESSARY FOR SETTLEMENT:** Attorneys are hereby granted a power of attorney so that they may have full authority to prepare, sign and file all legal instruments, pleadings, drafts, authorizations and papers as shall be reasonably necessary to conclude this representation, including settlement and/or reducing to possession any and all monies or other things of value due to the Client under the claim as fully as the Client could do so in person. Attorneys are also authorized and empowered to act as Client's negotiator in any and all negotiations concerning the subject of this Agreement.

13. **ASSOCIATION OF OTHER ATTORNEYS:** Attorneys may, at their own expense, use or associate other attorneys in the representation of the aforesaid claims of the Client. Client understands that *the firm*, Seth A. Harris PLLC d/b/a Burns & Harris, is a professional limited liability company under the laws of New York with a number of attorneys. Various firm attorneys may work on Client's case.

14. **ASSOCIATE COUNSEL:** Attorneys may participate in the division of fees in this case and assume joint responsibility for the representation of the Client either in the event that the Attorney retains associate counsel or that the Client later chooses new counsel, provided that the total fee to the Client does not increase as a result of the division of fees and that the attorneys involved have agreed to the division of fees and assumption of joint responsibility.

15. **FEE DISPUTES:** In case of a fee dispute, the undersigned may be entitled to arbitration, if the fee falls within the parameters of the Fee Dispute Resolution Program, pursuant to 22 N.Y.C.R.R. PART 137 of the New York State Court Rules.

16. **COLLECTION WORK:** All work required to prosecute a collection case to recover an award will not be covered by this Agreement.

17. **NEW YORK LAW TO APPLY:** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the rights, duties and obligations of Client and of Attorneys regarding Attorney's representation of Client and regarding anything covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

18. **PARTIES BOUND:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors, guardians and assigns.

19. **LEGAL CONSTRUCTION:** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such

invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

20. PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED: This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

I certify and acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to read this Agreement and have answered any questions pertaining thereto. I further state that I have voluntarily entered into this Agreement fully aware of the terms and conditions.

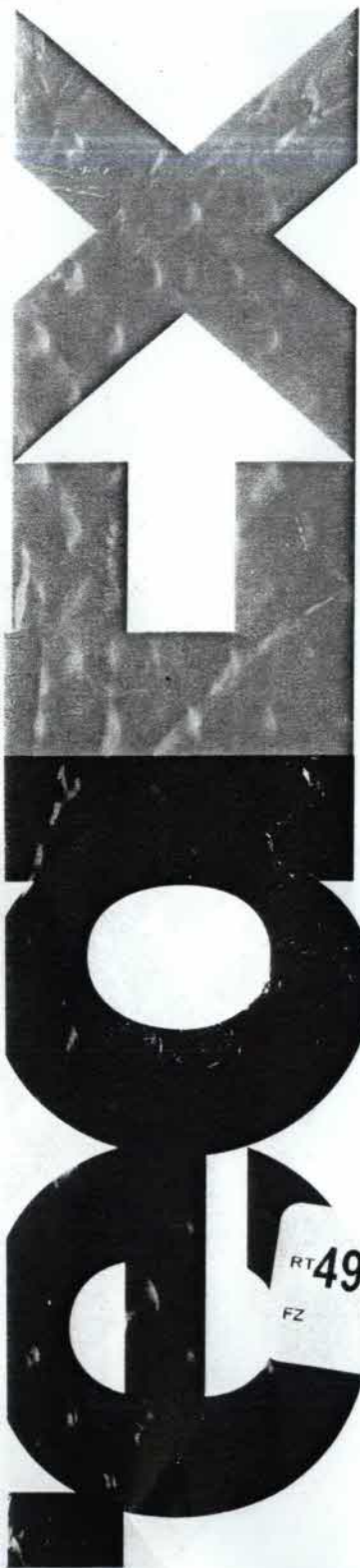
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October 4, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris Attorneys At Law
The Woolworth Building
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New York, NY 10279

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received September 24, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06573

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6);
(b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel



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Via Certified and Return Receipt Mail

U.S. Custom House-7th Floor
2nd & Chestnut Streets
Philadelphia, PA 19106

March 21, 2019

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

MDC Brooklyn
P.O. Box 329002
Brooklyn, NY 11232

RE: Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-03035
Claim Received March 11, 2019

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This is in response to your administrative tort claim in which you seek \$100,000.00 in compensation for an alleged personal injury sustained at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019. Specifically, you state a power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. You allege you suffered severe emotional distress, which affected your ability to sleep and focus. You contend you feared for your physical safety and possible assault.

After review, we have decided to deny your claim because you have not alleged an identifiable physical injury actionable under the Federal Tort Claims Act. 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b)(2), 2672.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may bring an action against the United States in an appropriate United States District Court within six (6) months of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

cc: H. Quay, Warden, MDC Brooklyn

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Re: Administrative Tort Claim for Personal Injury [28 U.S.C. 2671, et. seq.]

Dear Mr. Howard:

The undersigned Claimant respectfully submits this claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") [28 U.S.C. 2672], and 28 C.F.R. 543.30, seeking compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 for personal injury that he suffered as a result of negligence by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn, New York. For the reasons that follow, this claim should be promptly settled.

I. THE RELEVANT FACTS.

At all times between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019, claimant was detained at the MDC (West Building). On January 27, 2019, the institution experienced a power outage which, upon information and belief, resulted from an electrical fire. Upon information and belief, the power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. More specifically, each cell (including claimant's assigned cell) was without lights, hot water, or heat for the approximately eight days (i.e. January 27, 2019 thru February 3, 2019). Staff was aware of the inhumane conditions, and took no steps to immediately restore the housing units or the cells within those units to habitable conditions.

Notably, however, on February 3, 2019, staff began distributing extra blankets to inmates in the institution in an effort to combat the exceptionally frigid temperatures. It should also be noted that during this period, institutional staff would visit housing units to check the cell temperatures. Some inmates blocked their ventilation ducts in an effort to prevent the exceptionally cold air from entering their cells through the ventilation system. This, however, also prevented staff from obtaining an accurate electronic reading of the temperature in those cells which had their vents blocked. Thus, on at least two occasions, staff entered the housing unit and presented to a particular cell where the air vent had been blocked, and recorded a temperature reading that was much warmer than the temperature in other cells where inmates had not blocked their air vents.

Throughout the period where claimant was denied suitable quarters, heat, hot water, and lights, he feared for his physical safety. He feared possible assault on his person by other inmates assigned to his housing unit. Despite inadequate lighting in the housing units, from on or about January 28, 2019 thru February 1, 2019, claimant and more than 100 other inmates assigned to his housing unit were permitted (and even required) to exit and remain outside of their respective cells for extended periods of times throughout the day and evening, supervised by only a single staff member who was physically unable to observe inmate activity throughout the unit due to extremely limited lighting in the common area. Claimant was required to exit his cell and enter the common area to obtain and consume his meals, as well as to shower. It should also be noted that during the institutional crisis, mental health staff was inaccessible to claimant and all other inmates assigned to his housing unit. This claimant was also not afforded an opportunity to meet with medical staff. All access to claimant's attorney was denied as attorneys were not permitted to enter the institution, and both the inmate telephone and email systems were not operational. Inmates were also denied a meaningful opportunity to send general correspondence since they were denied access to commissary to purchase required postage.

Again, despite the magnitude of the inhumane crisis, MDC staff took no immediate or appropriate action to restore the institution to normal operations, or to adhere to their responsibility to provide Claimant with appropriate housing.

During this crisis period claimant suffered severe emotional distress which affected, inter alia, claimant's ability to sleep and focus.

II. THE RELEVANT LAW.

(a) Liability Under The Federal Tort Claims Act.

The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") provides that the United States is liable for injury caused by the negligence

of its employees under circumstances where a private person would be liable according to "the laws of the place where the act or omission occurred," and thus New York law applies. {28 U.S.C. 1346(b); Kane v. United States, 189 F.Supp.2d 40, 51-52 (S.D.N.Y. 2002); Ducrepin v. United States, 964 F.Supp. 659, 663 (E.D.N.Y. 1997)} Under New York law, to prove a claim of negligence, plaintiff must establish three elements: (i) defendant owed plaintiff a duty of care; (ii) defendant breached that duty; and (iii) the breach proximately caused plaintiff's injury. {Kane, 189 F.Supp.2d at 51-52}

(b) The Bureau of Prisons Owed Claimant a Duty of Care.

Although state laws sets out the elements required to prove negligence, the standard of care for the Federal Bureau of Prisons is "fixed by 18 U.S.C. 4042, independent of [any] inconsistent state rule" allowing for a local jailor's immunity from suit, or a lesser duty. {United States v. Muniz, 374 U.S. 150, 164 (1963)} Section 4042(a) requires that the Bureau of Prisons provide "suitable quarters and provide for the safekeeping, care, and subsistence of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States." {18 U.S.C. 4042(a)(2)} This statutory duty means that the Bureau of Prisons must exercise "ordinary diligence" or reasonable care "to keep prisoners safe and free from harm." {Coward v. United States, 617 F.2d 112, 116 (5th Cir. 1980); see also Herrington v. United States, 1984 WL 1279, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. 1984); Castor v. United States, 883 F.Supp. 344, 350 (S.D. Ind. 1995)}

It is clear that "the mere failure to provide suitable quarters" is not actionable; there must be fault. {Muhammed v. United States, 6 F.Supp.2d 582, 595 (N.D. Tex. 1998)} Only "a failure to exercise ordinary care, or reasonable care, to provide suitable quarters" is actionable. {Id.; Graham v. United States, 2002 WL 188573, at *4 (E.D. Pa. 2002)(noting that mandatory duty of care set forth in Section 4042 "does not dictate the manner in which the duty must be fulfilled")}

(c) New York Law Governing Claims Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress.

Under New York law, a claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress must be premised upon a breach of a duty owed "which either unreasonably endangers the plaintiff's physical safety, or causes the plaintiff to fear for his or her own safety." {Sheila C. v. Povich, 11 A.D.3d 120, 130 (1st Dep't 2004); see also Mortise v. United States, 102 F.3d 693, 696 (2d Cir. 1996)} Under New York law, a plaintiff may establish a claim of negligent infliction of emotion distress in one of two ways: (1) the "bystander" theory; or (2) the "direct duty theory." A plaintiff may recover for purely emotional injury under the "direct duty theory" when he/she suffers an emotional injury from defendant's breach of a duty which unreasonably endangers his/her own physical safety. {See, Mortise, 102 F.3d at 696 (citing Kennedy v. McKesson Co., 58 N.Y.2d 500, 504 (1983))} The duty in such cases must be specific to the plaintiff, and not some amorphous, free-floating duty to society. {Id.; (citing Johnson v. Jamaica Hosp., 62 N.Y.2d 523, 526-27 (1984))}

As noted, the Federal Bureau of Prisons owed claimant a specific duty of care, as described in Section 4042(a)(2) and (3), to provide him "suitable quarters," "safekeeping," and "protection."

III. APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO THE FACTS.

The facts and the law are relatively straightforward: On January 27, 2019, MDC Brooklyn experienced a significant power outage that adversely affected all housing units within its West Building. The outage rendered all cells (including claimant's) within the West Building uninhabitable by virtue of no lighting, heating, or hot water. MDC staff failed to take immediate steps to rectify the power outage or to restore the institutional to normal operations, as a result of being left in such inhumane and exceptionally dangerous conditions, claimant feared for his personal safety and life.

It goes without saying that the Federal Bureau of Prisons, in keeping with its mandated duty under Section 4042(a)(2) and (3), is required to provide "adequate heat" to all cells and housing units wherein prisoners will be confined. {See, Dugan v. Washington, 2001 WL 741626, at *5 (N.D. Ill. June 11, 2001)(noting that prisoners need only be provided "adequate heat") That duty is specific. The duty to provide "safekeeping" and "protection" is also specific. {See, 18 U.S.C. 4042 (a)(2) and (3)} Each of those specific duties were breached when MDC staff failed to take steps to immediately rectify the power outage, resulting in approximately eight continuous days of fear of physical injury.

Bureau of Prisons employee's negligence in this matter is both inexplicable and unacceptable. Indeed, the failure to act reasonably has prompted investigations from the Office of the Inspectors General, as well as others. Given the indisputable facts, and well settled law, claimant is entitled to compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00.

IV. CONCLUSION.

For the reasons stated, claimant seeks prompt disposition and settlement of this claim.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

February_____,2019

Respectfully submitted,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined in the Solitary Housing Unit, Range 3-12.
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.

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- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers or clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.
- b. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3,

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2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: an ear infection, sustained due to the cold and freezing temperatures, and water dripping from the ceiling in my cell to where I slept. I was served spoiled and rotten food that left me unable to eat.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

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To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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September 10, 2019

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Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received August 23, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06454

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

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Sincerely,

(b)(6);
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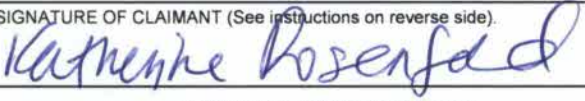
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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined in Unit 72.
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures and/or extreme temperature variations without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.
- d. In addition to these facts, I also experienced the following circumstances between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: I experienced a severe heart condition a few days into the blackout, I believe on January 28, 2019, because I was so cold, scared, and panicked by the situation and the fearful, loud conditions.

10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold, and/or extreme temperature variations, and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which

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form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers of clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.

- b. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: claustrophobia, cold sweats, anxiety, muscle pain, chest pain, depression, and migraines.
- c. I was previously diagnosed with PTSD, and being locked in the cell in the freezing cold started to make me feel very anxious. On or about the second day of the blackout when we had been locked in for two full days in the dark and cold, I started to experience severe chest pain. It felt like there was an elephant on my chest and I was being crushed. My heart was racing and I couldn't breathe. I was hyperventilating. I pushed the emergency button in my cell and nothing happened. Eventually, the officers said they would take me to medical and I had to wait longer until the officers brought a stretcher to my cell, because they were short-staffed. I then had to wait for the elevator for a very long time. The whole time I felt like my chest was going to explode and I felt extreme pressure on my chest, like there was a vice gripping me. After I got to medical, I was taken to Kingsbrook Jewish Medical Center and admitted for around 5 days. I believe I had a heart attack or a myocardial infarction, although I am not sure of the precise name. The whole time at Kingsbrook, I was shackled to my bed although I was hooked up to many heart monitoring and other machines. When I got back to MDC from Kingsbrook, the power was restored. I now have to take heart medications because of this incident that I didn't take before the blackout.

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To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C), authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

Sincerely,

Name: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
DOB: (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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November 19, 2019

Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP
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New York, NY 10020

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received November 12, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2020-01174

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

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Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel



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March 4, 2019

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Brooklyn, NY 11232

RE: Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02643
Claim Received February 21, 2019

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This is in response to your administrative tort claim in which you seek \$100,000.00 in compensation for an alleged personal injury sustained at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019. Specifically, you state a power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. You allege you suffered severe emotional distress, which affected your ability to sleep and focus. You contend you feared for your physical safety and possible assault.

After review, we have decided to deny your claim because you have not alleged an identifiable physical injury actionable under the Federal Tort Claims Act 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b)(2), 2672.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may bring an action against the United States in an appropriate United States District Court within six (6) months of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
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cc: H. Quay, Warden, MDC Brooklyn

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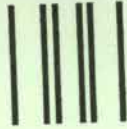
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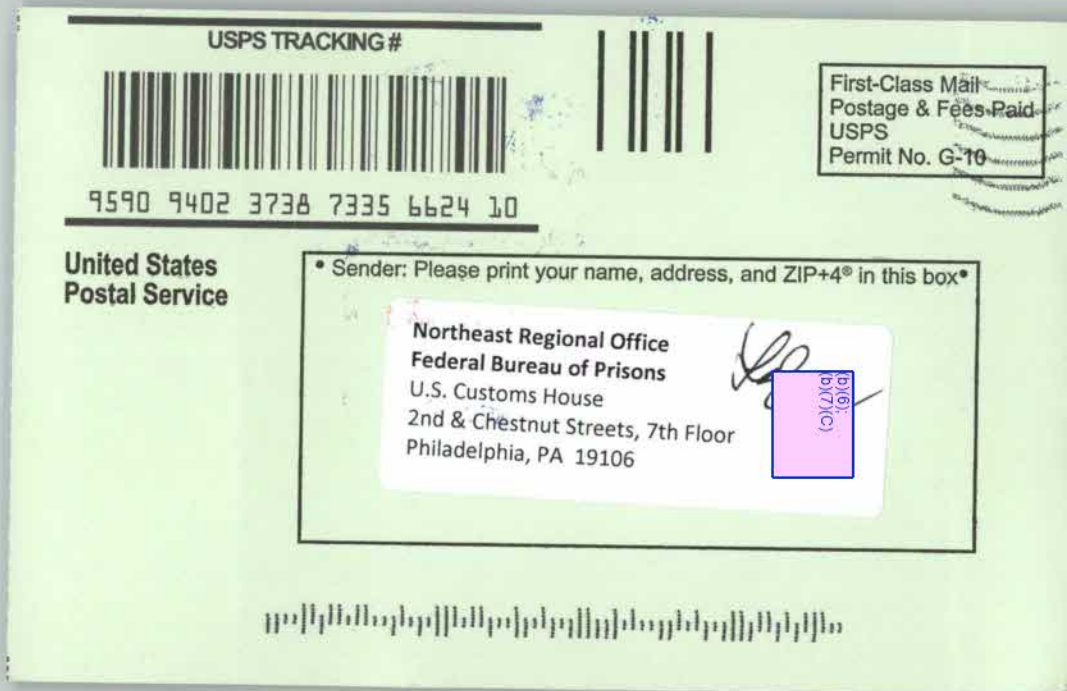
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200 CHESTNUT STREET -- ROOM 701
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Re: Administrative Tort Claim No.: TRT-NER-2019- 02643

Dear Mr. Howard:

Claimant hereby seeks reconsideration of the March 4, 2019 decision to deny his administrative tort claim for injuries suffered at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York ("MDC Brooklyn"), between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019. Reconsideration is sought pursuant to 28 C.F.R. 14.9(b). In addition, Claimant hereby increases his demand from \$100,000.00 to \$1,500,000.00, in light of both the physical and psychological injuries suffered when staff breached the duty of care owed Claimant under 18 U.S.C. 4042(a)(2) and (3). For the reasons that follow, reconsideration should be granted.

In addition to the facts and issues raised in his initial formal claim, Claimant submits that on or about and between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019, he suffered on or more of the following physical injuries by virtue MDC Brooklyn staff negligence: (a) Weakness; (b) Nausea; (c) Stomach Cramps; (d) Diarrhea; (e) Dehydration; and (f) Smoke Inhalation. These injuries resulted from staff's failure to provide meals for more than 17 hours on several occasions, during the aforementioned period, and the failure to provide clean water for drinking -- providing only water that was severely discolored (brown). Further, on February 2, 2019, an inmate experiencing emotional distress set a fire in the housing unit, which sent smoke throughout the unit. After responding staff extinguished the fire, that inmate was removed to the Special Housing Unit. However, no medical attention was offered or provided to any of the inmates assigned to the affected housing unit (Unit H-B).

Each of the injuries identified above constitutes a physical injury. See, e.g., *Chendrimada v. Air-India*, 802 F.Supp. 1089, 1092 (S.D.N.Y. 1992)(upholding the plaintiff's claim predicated on allegations of weakness, nausea, cramps, and malnutrition because plaintiffs suffered these injuries as a direct result of their confinement on a grounded airplane for over eleven hours without food; thus, their symptoms had an independent physical genesis and were not merely psychosomatic); *Eastern Airlines, Inc. v. Floyd*, 499 U.S. 530, 536, 541 (1991)("a category of physical injuries that includes internal injuries caused, for example, by physical impact, smoke or exhaust inhalation, or oxygen deprivation.")

In view of the foregoing, reconsideration is warranted, and this claim should be promptly settled.

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Administrative Tort Claim for Personal Injury [28 U.S.C. 2671, et. seq.]

NERO-PHILADELPHIA

Dear Mr. Howard:

The undersigned Claimant respectfully submits this claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") [28 U.S.C. 2672], and 28 C.F.R. 543.30, seeking compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 for personal injury that he suffered as a result of negligence by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn, New York. For the reasons that follow, this claim should be promptly settled.

I. THE RELEVANT FACTS.

At all times between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019, claimant was detained at the MDC (West Building). On January 27, 2019, the institution experienced a power outage which, upon information and belief, resulted from an electrical fire. Upon information and belief, the power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. More specifically, each cell (including claimant's assigned cell) was without lights, hot water, or heat for the approximately eight days (i.e. January 27, 2019 thru February 3, 2019). Staff was aware of the inhumane conditions, and took no steps to immediately restore the housing units or the cells within those units to habitable conditions.

Notably, however, on February 3, 2019, staff began distributing extra blankets to inmates in the institution in an effort to combat the exceptionally frigid temperatures. It should also be noted that during this period, institutional staff would visit housing units to check the cell temperatures. Some inmates blocked their ventilation ducts in an effort to prevent the exceptionally cold air from entering their cells through the ventilation system. This, however, also prevented staff from obtaining an accurate electronic reading of the temperature in those cells which had their vents blocked. Thus, on at least two occasions, staff entered the housing unit and presented to a particular cell where the air vent had been blocked, and recorded a temperature reading that was much warmer than the temperature in other cells where inmates had not blocked their air vents.

Throughout the period where claimant was denied suitable quarters, heat, hot water, and lights, he feared for his physical safety. He feared possible assault on his person by other inmates assigned to his housing unit. Despite inadequate lighting in the housing units, from on or about January 28, 2019 thru February 1, 2019, claimant and more than 100 other inmates assigned to his housing unit were permitted (and even required) to exit and remain outside of their respective cells for extended periods of times throughout the day and evening, supervised by only a single staff member who was physically unable to observe inmate activity throughout the unit due to extremely limited lighting in the common area. Claimant was required to exit his cell and enter the common area to obtain and consume his meals, as well as to shower. It should also be noted that during the institutional crisis, mental health staff was inaccessible to claimant and all other inmates assigned to his housing unit. This claimant was also not afforded an opportunity to meet with medical staff. All access to claimant's attorney was denied as attorneys were not permitted to enter the institution, and both the inmate telephone and email systems were not operational. Inmates were also denied a meaningful opportunity to send general correspondence since they were denied access to commissary to purchase required postage.

Again, despite the magnitude of the inhumane crisis, MDC staff took no immediate or appropriate action to restore the institution to normal operations, or to adhere to their responsibility to provide Claimant with appropriate housing.

During this crisis period claimant suffered severe emotional distress which affected, inter alia, claimant's ability to sleep and focus.

II. THE RELEVANT LAW.

(a) Liability Under The Federal Tort Claims Act.

The Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") provides that the United States is liable for injury caused by the negligence

of its employees under circumstances where a private person would be liable according to "the laws of the place where the act or omission occurred," and thus New York law applies. {28 U.S.C. 1346(b); Kane v. United States, 189 F.Supp.2d 40, 51-52 (S.D.N.Y. 2002); Ducrepin v. United States, 964 F.Supp. 659, 663 (E.D.N.Y. 1997)} Under New York law, to prove a claim of negligence, plaintiff must establish three elements: (i) defendant owed plaintiff a duty of care; (ii) defendant breached that duty; and (iii) the breach proximately caused plaintiff's injury. {Kane, 189 F.Supp.2d at 51-52}

(b) The Bureau of Prisons Owed Claimant a Duty of Care.

Although state laws sets out the elements required to prove negligence, the standard of care for the Federal Bureau of Prisons is "fixed by 18 U.S.C. 4042, independent of [any] inconsistent state rule" allowing for a local jailor's immunity from suit, or a lesser duty. {United States v. Muniz, 374 U.S. 150, 164 (1963)} Section 4042(a) requires that the Bureau of Prisons provide "suitable quarters and provide for the safekeeping, care, and subsistence of all persons charged with or convicted of offenses against the United States." {18 U.S.C. 4042(a)(2)} This statutory duty means that the Bureau of Prisons must exercise "ordinary diligence" or reasonable care "to keep prisoners safe and free from harm." {Coward v. United States, 617 F.2d 112, 116 (5th Cir. 1980); see also Herrington v. United States, 1984 WL 1279, at *2 (S.D.N.Y. 1984); Castor v. United States, 883 F.Supp. 344, 350 (S.D. Ind. 1995)}

It is clear that "the mere failure to provide suitable quarters" is not actionable; there must be fault. {Muhammed v. United States, 6 F.Supp.2d 582, 595 (N.D. Tex. 1998)} Only "a failure to exercise ordinary care, or reasonable care, to provide suitable quarters" is actionable. {Id.; Graham v. United States, 2002 WL 188573, at *4 (E.D. Pa. 2002)(noting that mandatory duty of care set forth in Section 4042 "does not dictate the manner in which the duty must be fulfilled")}

(c) New York Law Governing Claims Negligent Infliction of Emotional Distress.

Under New York law, a claim of negligent infliction of emotional distress must be premised upon a breach of a duty owed "which either unreasonably endangers the plaintiff's physical safety, or causes the plaintiff to fear for his or her own safety." {Sheila C. v. Povich, 11 A.D.3d 120, 130 (1st Dep't 2004); see also Mortise v. United States, 102 F.3d 693, 696 (2d Cir. 1996)} Under New York law, a plaintiff may establish a claim of negligent infliction of emotion distress in one of two ways: (1) the "bystander" theory; or (2) the "direct duty theory." A plaintiff may recover for purely emotional injury under the "direct duty theory" when he/she suffers an emotional injury from defendant's breach of a duty which unreasonably endangers his/her own physical safety. {See, Mortise, 102 F.3d at 696 (citing Kennedy v. McKesson Co., 58 N.Y.2d 500, 504 (1983))} The duty in such cases must be specific to the plaintiff, and not some amorphous, free-floating duty to society. {Id.; (citing Johnson v. Jamaica Hosp., 62 N.Y.2d 523, 526-27 (1984))}

As noted, the Federal Bureau of Prisons owed claimant a specific duty of care, as described in Section 4042(a)(2) and (3), to provide him "suitable quarters," "safekeeping," and "protection."

III. APPLICATION OF THE LAW TO THE FACTS.

The facts and the law are relatively straightforward: On January 27, 2019, MDC Brooklyn experienced a significant power outage that adversely affected all housing units within its West Building. The outage rendered all cells (including claimant's) within the West Building uninhabitable by virtue of no lighting, heating, or hot water. MDC staff failed to take immediate steps to rectify the power outage or to restore the institutional to normal operations, as a result of being left in such inhumane and exceptionally dangerous conditions, claimant feared for his personal safety and life.

It goes without saying that the Federal Bureau of Prisons, in keeping with its mandated duty under Section 4042(a) (2) and (3), is required to provide "adequate heat" to all cells and housing units wherein prisoners will be confined. {See, Dugan v. Washington, 2001 WL 741626, at *5 (N.D. Ill. June 11, 2001)(noting that prisoners need only be provided "adequate heat") That duty is specific. The duty to provide "safekeeping" and "protection" is also specific. {See, 18 U.S.C. 4042 (a)(2) and (3)} Each of those specific duties were breached when MDC staff failed to take steps to immediately rectify the power outage, resulting in approximately eight continuous days of fear of physical injury.

Bureau of Prisons employee's negligence in this matter is both inexplicable and unacceptable. Indeed, the failure to act reasonably has prompted investigations from the Office of the Inspectors General, as well as others. Given the indisputable facts, and well settled law, claimant is entitled to compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00.

IV. CONCLUSION.

For the reasons stated, claimant seeks prompt disposition and settlement of this claim.

Dated: Brooklyn, New York

February 18TH, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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Re: Administrative Claim Reconsideration Received March 15, 2019
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02643

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This will acknowledge receipt of your administrative claim reconsideration request for an alleged loss of personal property or personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim.

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact this office immediately. Also, should your address change, you should advise this office accordingly.

Sincerely,

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August 20, 2019

Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
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RE: Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02643
Reconsideration
Claim Received March 15, 2019

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Your request for reconsideration of Administrative Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-02643 was properly received on March 15, 2019, and reconsidered for settlement as provided by the Federal Tort Claims Act (FTCA), 28 U.S.C. § 2672, under authority delegated to me by 28 C.F.R. § 543.30. You seek \$100,000.00 in compensation for an alleged personal injury sustained at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019. Specifically, you state a power outage adversely affected the institution's heating, hot water, and lighting. You allege you suffered weakness, nausea, stomach cramps, diarrhea, dehydration smoke inhalation, and severe emotional distress, which affected your ability to sleep and focus. You contend you feared for your physical safety and possible assault.

A careful review of your request for reconsideration shows you have not submitted any new evidence in support of the allegations made in your administrative claim. A review of your medical records does not reflect you sought medical care from Health Services for these ailments. There is no evidence you experienced a compensable loss as the result of negligence on the part of any Bureau of Prisons employee. Accordingly, your claim is denied.

If you are dissatisfied with this decision, you may bring an action against the United States in an appropriate United States District Court within six (6) months of the date of this letter.

Sincerely,

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

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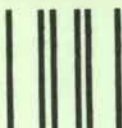
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October 4, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris Attorneys At Law
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received September 24, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06539

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
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August 6, 2019

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Central Office HQ
320 First Street, NW
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DATE RECEIVED
FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS
REGIONAL OFFICE

AUG 30 2019

NERO-PHILADELPHIA

Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Supplemental Claim

Location: MDC Brooklyn

Dates of Incident: 1/27/19 – 2/03/19

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this firm represents the above-referenced claimant along with his prison ID, whom was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered injuries based on violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. On June 14, 2019, our office served upon you a claim on behalf of 37 claimants including the claimant listed above, and now serves this Supplemental Claim.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help or take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that posed unreasonable and substantial risks to their health and safety. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs and any communication with the outside world, including but not limited to the following:

- Heating (in freezing temperatures)
- Suitable nutrition
- Electricity (kept in darkness)
- Flushable toilets/plumbing/showers
- drinking water
- Medical attention/medication
- Breathable air free from toxic fumes
- Access to clean clothes and bedding
- Excessive lockdown
- Extra blankets for warmth
- Communications with Counsel/family
- Administrative remedies

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Respectfully,


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September 10, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Your Administrative Claims Received August 23, 2019

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following administrative tort claims you filed on behalf of claimants seeking compensation for alleged personal injuries they suffered at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Ms. Jean Prabhu
September 10, 2019
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(b)(6), (b)(7)(C)



Each claim provided a sum certain "in excess of one million dollars." However, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 14.2, each claim must seek a specific dollar amount when you file a claim. Accordingly, the claims are rejected at this time.

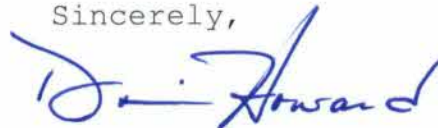
In addition, we will not be able to correspond with you unless you provide proof that you are authorized to represent each claimant as their legal representative. See 28 C.F.R. § 14.2.

If you wish these claims to be considered for administrative settlement, please re-submit the claim documents with the above-noted information. The enclosed Claim for Damage, Injury or Death form (SF-95) may be used in the instance of personal injury for each claim.

Lastly, please be advised that constitutional claims are not cognizable under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

All correspondence regarding these claims should be addressed to Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding these claims change in any fashion, you should contact this office immediately. Also, should your address change, you should advise this office accordingly.

Sincerely,



Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

Enclosure

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency:			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code.		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☐ CIVILIAN	4. DATE OF BIRTH	5. MARITAL STATUS	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT	7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.)	
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary).					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code).					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side).					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE	12b. PERSONAL INJURY	12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights).		
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side).			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM	14. DATE OF SIGNATURE	
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident Insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

- B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
- C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
- D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

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Re:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Claim No: TRT-NER-2019-06539

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of September 10, 2019, and accordingly, have enclosed a copy of the above claimant's Retainer indicating Burns & Harris is his authorized representative for this claim.

The above claimant was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered personal and emotional injuries based on the negligence and intentional infliction of physical and emotional injury at MDC Brooklyn and violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. This is our third submission of this claim and have previously served notices dated June 14, 2019 and August 6, 2019.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help nor take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that caused unreasonable and substantial injury. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs, medical attention, any communication with the outside world, and suffered personal and emotional injuries as a result.

Wherefore, the above claimant sustained damages in the amount of one million dollars \$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,

JEAN PRABHU

JP/rb/Enc.

RETAINER AGREEMENT

TO: BURNS & HARRIS
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279
(212) 393-1000

I, _____ (Client), the undersigned retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm), as my attorneys to prosecute a claim for negligence against any and all parties, individuals and/or corporations that are found to be liable under the law for damages suffered by me arising from personal injury sustained by me. I _____, the spouse of _____ (Client), retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm) to represent me for a derivative cause of action for the loss of services and society of my spouse due to the injuries claimed as a result of the defendant(s) negligence. I(We) specifically agree as follows:

1. **FEE PERCENTAGE:** Although I have been advised of the right to retain the law firm under an arrangement whereby the firm would be compensated on the basis of the reasonable value of services rendered or on an hourly rate, I and the law firm agree that the law firm shall be paid Thirty Three and One-Third (33 1/3%) Percent of the sum recovered, whether by suit, settlement or otherwise. In computing the fee, the costs as taxed, including interest upon a judgment, shall be deemed part of the amount recovered. In litigating the claim, the law firm may become eligible for attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988. The Client agrees that any and all fees obtained by the law firm under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 are to be paid to the law firm in addition to the 33 1/3% of the sum recovered. If, as a result of the recovery obtained in your lawsuit brought by the law firm, a workers' compensation carrier waives any of its workers' compensation lien, then the law firm shall be entitled to recover from you an additional fee of 33 1/3% of the portion of the waiver that exceeds one third of the total lien amount owed.

2. **DISBURSEMENTS:** In the event there is no recovery, the Client shall not be obligated to pay the law firm a legal fee for services rendered. Disbursements may include some of the following expenses: court filing fees, sheriff fees, medical and hospital report/record fees, doctor's report, court stenographer fees, deposition costs, expert fees for expert depositions and court appearances, trial exhibits, computer on-line search fees, express mail, postage, photocopy charges, document management charges, long distance telephone charges, among other charges. Document management charges are the fees charged by the law firm for processing documents during litigation, such as medical records, documents produced by defendants(s) and/or other parties, etc. Processing of the documents may include but is not limited to the following: (1) scanning; (2) conversion of native files to PDF documents; (3) OCR (Optical Code Recognition); and/or (4) indexing. At the time of settlement and distribution of proceeds, if the law firm has advanced the disbursements, the law firm shall be reimbursed for all disbursements which shall be deducted from the recovery.

In the event that this firm has been retained by others having the same claim or a similar case, disbursements regarding the liability and/or damages of the defendants may be shared proportionately by all such plaintiffs.

The disbursements involved in prosecuting the case may be advanced by the Client or by the law firm. The Client may choose either option. If the Client elects to advance the money for disbursements (Option I), the Client must pay each disbursement as it is incurred. If the Client elects to have the law firm advance the money for Disbursements (Option II), at the end of each case, the law firm shall be reimbursed from the recovery for any disbursements the law firm advanced.

In the event the Client elects to advance the disbursements (Option I), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted prior to the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, the law firm will have no responsibility to repay the client for case disbursements.

In the event the Client elects to have the law firm advance the disbursements (Option II), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted from the Client's share after the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, or if the amount recovered is not sufficient to pay such disbursements in full, Client will not be responsible to pay such disbursements.

In the event no choice is selected by the Client, it will be assumed that the Client wishes to have the law firm advance all disbursements (Option II).

Option I

(initials) _____ I elect to advance the money for disbursements. I want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I understand that my immediate payment of such charges is required as many fees are tied to time-sensitive deadlines.

Option

(initials) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) I elect to have the law firm advance the money for disbursements. I do not want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I agree that if there is a recovery of money on my case, the law firm will be reimbursed from that recovery for the costs and expenses advanced by the law firm. The Client hereby gives permission that the law firm may borrow monies from a third party for expenses and disbursements. Interest will then be charged to the Client as an additional expense.

3. COMPUTATION OF FEES: Under Option II, the contingency fee shall be computed on the gross recovery, resulting in a net settlement (or judgment), from which all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Under Option I, the contingency fee shall be computed on the net recovery after all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Examples of how a contingency fee is computed are as follows:

Option I

Client advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
Disbursements	<u>-\$10.00</u>
Net settlement	\$90.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$30.00</u>
Net to Client	\$60.00

Option II

Law firm advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$33.33</u>
Net settlement	\$66.67
Disbursements	<u>-\$10.00</u>
Net to Client	\$56.67

4. **MEDICAL BILLS:** All medical bills incurred which are not paid by the Client's medical insurance and are due and owing shall be chargeable to the Client's portion of the settlement. There may be additional deductions representing outstanding medical bills, liens to doctors for unpaid medical services rendered, or medical services not covered by medical insurance. The recovery of these medical services are included in the gross settlement and shall be paid from the Client's share of the recovery. Unpaid medical providers often will wait for payment until the conclusion of the case, however, in consideration for such abeyance, they will request a lien upon the settlement proceeds. The Client expressly authorizes the firm to sign such lien forms, which may be requested by physicians, and to directly pay outstanding medical bills for treatment to such physicians or other health care providers at the conclusion of the case. This authorization shall include medical and hospital expenses, and subrogation claims. The Client understands that medical providers do not provide medical services contingent upon the outcome of a case, and that in the event that there is no recovery, or an insufficient recovery, the Client will remain responsible for the payment of such medical bills.

5. **NO-FAULT PROCESSING FEE:** If this Retainer Agreement is entered for the processing of a claim for personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident wherein "No-Fault" insurance is applicable, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay a fee of \$350.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Dollars) upon the successful conclusion of the case for the processing of statutory "No-Fault" benefits. This charge represents a lien on any proceeds of the case in favor of the attorney for professional services rendered in processing the "No-Fault" benefits.

6. **WITHDRAWALS:** The law firm expressly reserves the right to withdraw its representation at any time upon reasonable notification to the Client. In the event that the Client advises the law firm to discontinue the handling of this claim, or if the Client fails to cooperate with the law firm in the handling of this claim, Client agrees to compensate the law firm a reasonable amount for its services, and for the time spent on this claim on an hourly basis or under such other arrangement that may be agreed upon by the parties. The Client understands that the law firm has

conditionally accepted this case based upon the independent confirmation of all facts and injuries claimed to have been sustained by Client. In the event that the Client desires to transfer the file from this office, the Client shall be responsible to compensate the law firm for the reasonable value of their services. Such transfer shall not include documents or attorney work product regarding the general liability of the defendants.

7. **APPEALS:** Client further understands that the services to be provided through this agreement will NOT extend through the prosecution/defense of an appeal or representation on an appeal brought by any of the parties to the lawsuit. Client understands that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. may charge reasonable additional compensation if the case is appealed, or it is necessary to try the case more than once, the amount of which shall be an additional ten (10%) percent – totaling forty-three and one-third percent (43 1/3%) – of the sum recovered in negligence, intentional tort, civil rights and legal malpractice cases. Should attorney's fees under 42 USC § 1988 be awarded and an appeal be prosecuted pursuant to this section the firm may elect either 42 USC §1988 fees or a 10% fee pursuant to this section but not both.

This further appellate representation will not require a new Fee Agreement. In the event the CLIENT's case is dismissed or an unfavorable verdict is rendered, the CLIENT agrees that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. reserves the right to decide whether or not to prosecute an appeal. If BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. declines to prosecute an appeal, and appeal is taken, and at any point in the appeal process there is an eventual recovery made in the case on behalf of the CLIENT, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. will be entitled to a fee that represents the fair value of the services rendered. BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. shall have the first right of selecting the basis of their fee in the first instance, and if BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. elects to be paid on an hourly rate, they shall be paid based on an hourly rate of six hundred dollars an hour (\$ 600/hour) for all work performed by BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., and their agents/servants/employees. Unless otherwise stated in writing, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., elects to be paid on a contingent fee b (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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8. **SURROGATES COURT PROCEEDINGS:** If the law firm decides to handle Surrogate's Court work and the client agrees, the firm may hire a Surrogate Court attorney and to take fees from the client's share of the recovery. The establishment of a trust may be performed at an extra expense to the client. The client may consult with an elder lawyer, wills or trusts attorney at their own expense.

9. **STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS:** I understand that the Statute of Limitations period for my case must be investigated and that this Agreement is made subject to that investigation as well as an investigation of my entire case.

10. **FINANCING OF CASE:** If the firm borrows money from any lending institution to finance the cost of the Client's case, the amounts advanced by this firm to pay the cost of prosecuting or defending a claim or action or otherwise protecting or promoting the Client's interest will bear interest at the highest lawful rate allowed by applicable law. In no event will the interest be greater than the amount paid by the firm to the lending institution.

11. **RESULTS NOT GUARANTEED:** No attorney can accurately predict the outcome of any legal matter, accordingly, no representations are made, either expressly or impliedly, as to the final outcome of this matter. I further understand that I must immediately report any changes in my residence, telephone number or health to the law firm. I understand that this Retainer Agreement is a binding legal contract. I expressly agree that I will fully and freely cooperate with my attorneys in all aspects required for the prosecution of this legal matter and that I

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actions that frustrate or impair the success of this action.

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12. **APPROVAL NECESSARY FOR SETTLEMENT:** Attorneys are hereby granted a power of attorney so that they may have full authority to prepare, sign and file all legal instruments, pleadings, drafts, authorizations and papers as shall be reasonably necessary to conclude this representation, including settlement and/or reducing to possession any and all monies or other things of value due to the Client under the claim as fully as the Client could do so in person. Attorneys are also authorized and empowered to act as Client's negotiator in any and all negotiations concerning the subject of this Agreement.

13. **ASSOCIATION OF OTHER ATTORNEYS:** Attorneys may, at their own expense, use or associate other attorneys in the representation of the aforesaid claims of the Client. Client understands that *the firm*, Seth A. Harris PLLC d/b/a Burns & Harris, is a professional limited liability company under the laws of New York with a number of attorneys. Various firm attorneys may work on Client's case.

14. **ASSOCIATE COUNSEL:** Attorneys may participate in the division of fees in this case and assume joint responsibility for the representation of the Client either in the event that the Attorney retains associate counsel or that the Client later chooses new counsel, provided that the total fee to the Client does not increase as a result of the division of fees and that the attorneys involved have agreed to the division of fees and assumption of joint responsibility.

15. **FEE DISPUTES:** In case of a fee dispute, the undersigned may be entitled to arbitration, if the fee falls within the parameters of the Fee Dispute Resolution Program, pursuant to 22 N.Y.C.R.R. PART 137 of the New York State Court Rules.

16. **COLLECTION WORK:** All work required to prosecute a collection case to recover an award will not be covered by this Agreement.

17. **NEW YORK LAW TO APPLY:** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the rights, duties and obligations of Client and of Attorneys regarding Attorney's representation of Client and regarding anything covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

18. **PARTIES BOUND:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors, guardians and assigns.

19. **LEGAL CONSTRUCTION:** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such

invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

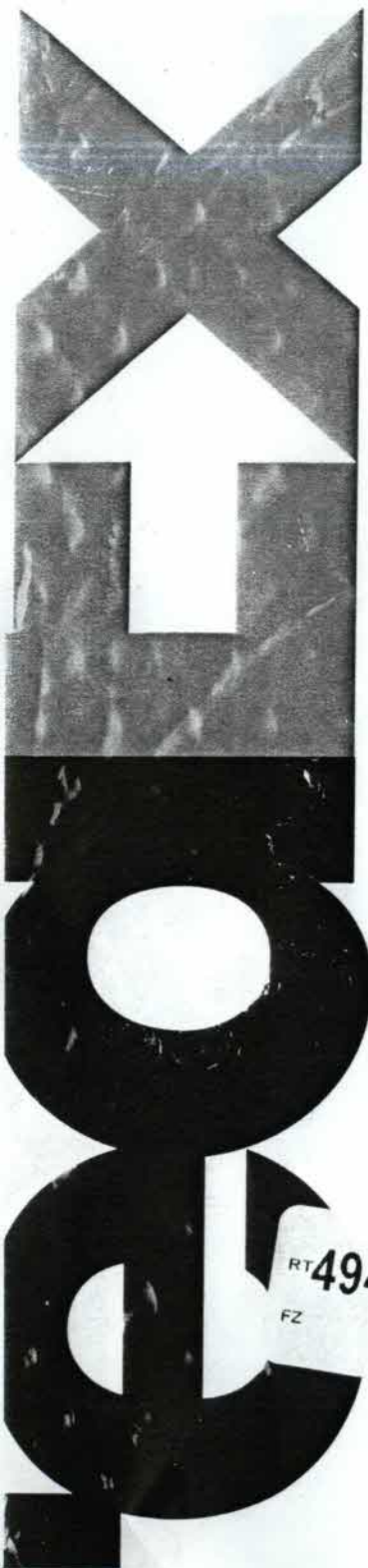
20. PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED: This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

I certify and acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to read this Agreement and have answered any questions pertaining thereto. I further state that I have voluntarily entered into this Agreement fully aware of the terms and conditions.

DATED: Feb 21, 2019

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Witness: _____ (L.S.)



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VIA CERTIFIED MAIL/RRR

Federal Bureau of Prisons
Attn: Legal Department
Central Office HQ
320 First Street, NW
Washington, DC 20534

Re:

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Supplemental Claim

Location: MDC Brooklyn

Dates of Incident: 1/27/19 – 2/03/19

To Whom It May Concern:

Please be advised that this firm represents the above-referenced claimant along with his prison ID, whom was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered injuries based on violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. On June 14, 2019, our office served upon you a claim on behalf of 37 claimants including the claimant listed above, and now serves this Supplemental Claim.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help or take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that posed unreasonable and substantial risks to their health and safety. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs and any communication with the outside world, including but not limited to the following:

- Heating (in freezing temperatures)
- Suitable nutrition
- Electricity (kept in darkness)
- Flushable toilets/plumbing/showers
- drinking water
- Medical attention/medication
- Breathable air free from toxic fumes
- Access to clean clothes and bedding
- Excessive lockdown
- Extra blankets for warmth
- Communications with Counsel/family
- Administrative remedies

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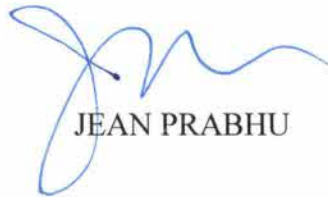
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Wherefore [REDACTED] sustained damages in excess of one million dollars
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Respectfully,



JEAN PRABHU

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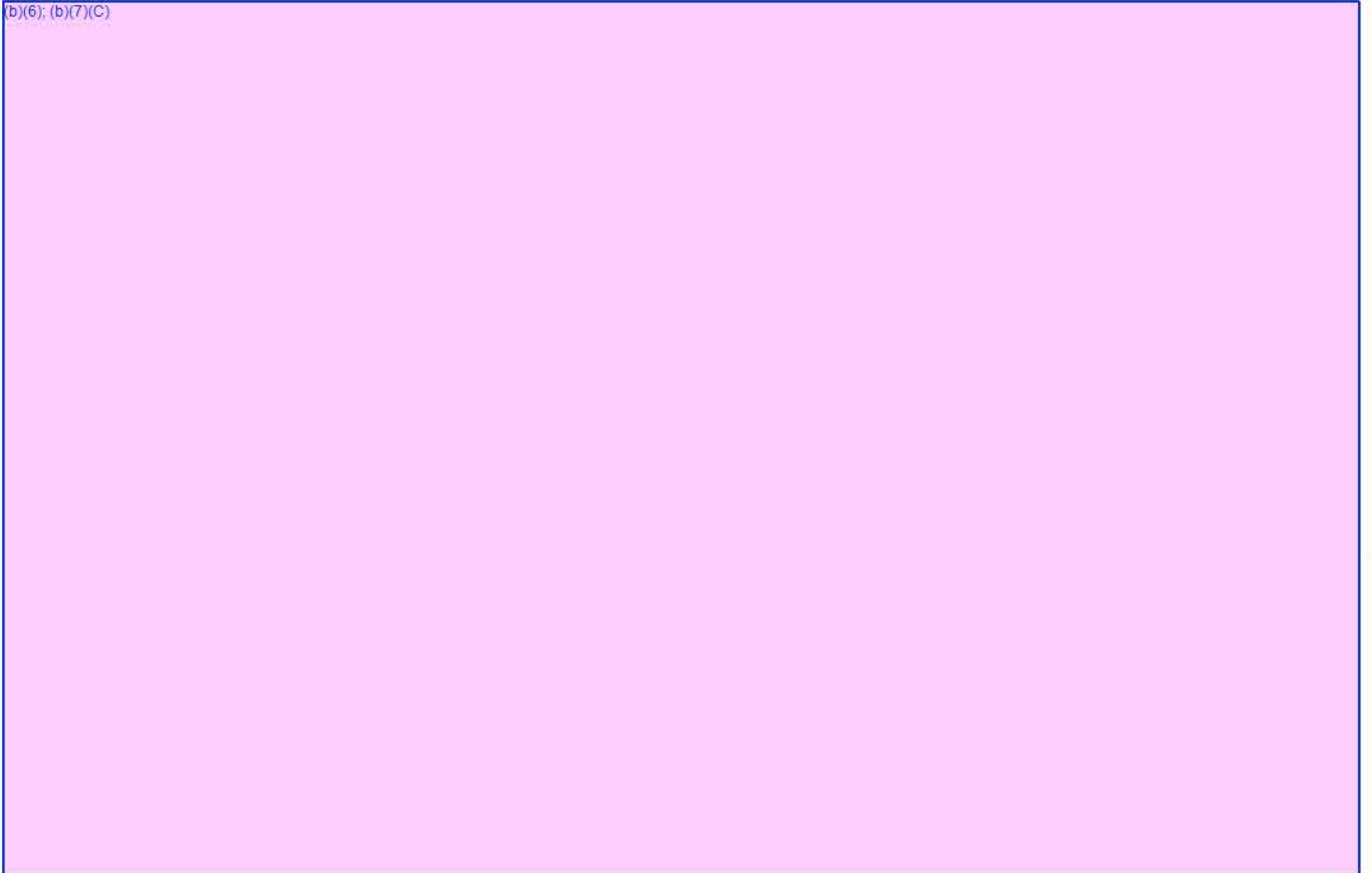
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Burns & Harris
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Your Administrative Claims Received August 23, 2019

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the following administrative tort claims you filed on behalf of claimants seeking compensation for alleged personal injuries they suffered at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York:

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Ms. Jean Prabhu
September 10, 2019
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Each claim provided a sum certain "in excess of one million dollars." However, pursuant to 28 C.F.R. § 14.2, each claim must seek a specific dollar amount when you file a claim. Accordingly, the claims are rejected at this time.

In addition, we will not be able to correspond with you unless you provide proof that you are authorized to represent each claimant as their legal representative. See 28 C.F.R. § 14.2.

If you wish these claims to be considered for administrative settlement, please re-submit the claim documents with the above-noted information. The enclosed Claim for Damage, Injury or Death form (SF-95) may be used in the instance of personal injury for each claim.

Lastly, please be advised that constitutional claims are not cognizable under the Federal Tort Claims Act.

All correspondence regarding these claims should be addressed to Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding these claims change in any fashion, you should contact this office immediately. Also, should your address change, you should advise this office accordingly.

Sincerely,



Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel

Enclosure

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency:			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code.		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☐ CIVILIAN	4. DATE OF BIRTH	5. MARITAL STATUS	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT	7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.)	
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary).					
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code).					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side).					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE	12b. PERSONAL INJURY	12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights).		
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side).			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM	14. DATE OF SIGNATURE	
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident Insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filled by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

- B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
- C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
- D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

PAPERWORK REDUCTION ACT NOTICE

This notice is **solely** for the purpose of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Torts Branch, Attention: Paperwork Reduction Staff, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 or to the Office of Management and Budget. Do not mail completed form(s) to these addresses.

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Re:

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Claim No: TRT-NER-2019-06540

Dear Mr. Howard:

I am in receipt of your correspondence of September 10, 2019, and accordingly, have enclosed a copy of the above claimant's Retainer indicating Burns & Harris is his authorized representative for this claim.

The above claimant was in the custody of the MDC Brooklyn on January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019 and suffered personal and emotional injuries based on the negligence and intentional infliction of physical and emotional injury at MDC Brooklyn and violation of 42 USC 1983 of the Constitution of the United States, including but not limited to the Fifth, Sixth, Eighth, and Fourteenth Amendments of the Constitution. This is our third submission of this claim and have previously served notices dated June 14, 2019 and August 6, 2019.

Upon information and belief, on January 27, 2019, an electrical fire broke out in MDC Brooklyn's west building causing damages to the building's infrastructure which significantly affected the prison's heating, venting, cooling, plumbing and electrical systems. The MDC Brooklyn and Warden Herman E. Quay failed to remedy those conditions for over a week and did not seek outside help nor take measures to protect and ensure the safety of those in custody at the facility.

A humanitarian crisis unfolded as prisoners were subjected to inhumane conditions that caused unreasonable and substantial injury. The above claimant was deprived of basic human needs, medical attention, any communication with the outside world, and suffered personal and emotional injuries as a result.

Wherefore, the above claimant sustained damages in the amount of one million dollars \$1,000,000.00.

Respectfully,



JEAN PRABHU

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RETAINER AGREEMENT

TO: BURNS & HARRIS
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279
(212) 393-1000

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) (Client), the undersigned retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm), as my attorneys to prosecute a claim for negligence against any and all parties, individuals and/or corporations that are found to be liable under the law for damages suffered by me arising from personal injury sustained by me. I _____, the spouse of _____ (Client), retains the law office of BURNS & HARRIS (law firm) to represent me for a derivative cause of action for the loss of services and society of my spouse due to the injuries claimed as a result of the defendant(s) negligence. I(We) specifically agree as follows:

1. **FEE PERCENTAGE:** Although I have been advised of the right to retain the law firm under an arrangement whereby the firm would be compensated on the basis of the reasonable value of services rendered or on an hourly rate, I and the law firm agree that the law firm shall be paid Thirty Three and One-Third (33 1/3%) Percent of the sum recovered, whether by suit, settlement or otherwise. In computing the fee, the costs as taxed, including interest upon a judgment, shall be deemed part of the amount recovered. In litigating the claim, the law firm may become eligible for attorneys' fees under 42 U.S.C. § 1988. The Client agrees that any and all fees obtained by the law firm under 42 U.S.C. § 1988 are to be paid to the law firm in addition to the 33 1/3% of the sum recovered. If, as a result of the recovery obtained in your lawsuit brought by the law firm, a workers' compensation carrier waives any of its workers' compensation lien, then the law firm shall be entitled to recover from you an additional fee of 33 1/3% of the portion of the waiver that exceeds one third of the total lien amount owed.

2. **DISBURSEMENTS:** In the event there is no recovery, the Client shall not be obligated to pay the law firm a legal fee for services rendered. Disbursements may include some of the following expenses: court filing fees, sheriff fees, medical and hospital report/record fees, doctor's report, court stenographer fees, deposition costs, expert fees for expert depositions and court appearances, trial exhibits, computer on-line search fees, express mail, postage, photocopy charges, document management charges, long distance telephone charges, among other charges. Document management charges are the fees charged by the law firm for processing documents during litigation, such as medical records, documents produced by defendants(s) and/or other parties, etc. Processing of the documents may include but is not limited to the following: (1) scanning; (2) conversion of native files to PDF documents; (3) OCR (Optical Code Recognition); and/or (4) indexing. At the time of settlement and distribution of proceeds, if the law firm has advanced the disbursements, the law firm shall be reimbursed for all disbursements which shall be deducted from the recovery.

In the event that this firm has been retained by others having the same claim or a similar case, disbursements regarding the liability and/or damages of the defendants may be shared proportionately by all such plaintiffs.

The disbursements involved in prosecuting the case may be advanced by the Client or by the law firm. The Client may choose either option. If the Client elects to advance the money for disbursements (Option I), the Client must pay each disbursement as it is incurred. If the Client elects to have the law firm advance the money for Disbursements (Option II), at the end of each case, the law firm shall be reimbursed from the recovery for any disbursements the law firm advanced.

In the event the Client elects to advance the disbursements (Option I), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted prior to the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, the law firm will have no responsibility to repay the client for case disbursements.

In the event the Client elects to have the law firm advance the disbursements (Option II), at the time of the final settlement or distribution of judgment proceeds, these expenses shall be deducted from the Client's share after the computation of the Attorney's Fee. If there is no recovery, or if the amount recovered is not sufficient to pay such disbursements in full, Client will not be responsible to pay such disbursements.

In the event no choice is selected by the Client, it will be assumed that the Client wishes to have the law firm advance all disbursements (Option II).

Option I

(initials)_____ I elect to advance the money for disbursements. I want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I understand that my immediate payment of such charges is required as many fees are tied to time-sensitive deadlines.

Option II

(initials) (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)_____ I elect to have the law firm advance the money for disbursements. I do not want to be billed for each disbursement as incurred. I agree that if there is a recovery of money on my case, the law firm will be reimbursed from that recovery for the costs and expenses advanced by the law firm. The Client hereby gives permission that the law firm may borrow monies from a third party for expenses and disbursements. Interest will then be charged to the Client as an additional expense.

3. **COMPUTATION OF FEES:** Under Option II, the contingency fee shall be computed on the gross recovery, resulting in a net settlement (or judgment), from which all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Under Option I, the contingency fee shall be computed on the net recovery after all appropriate disbursements in connection with the institution and prosecution of this claim are deducted, as set forth in paragraph 2 above. Examples of how a contingency fee is computed are as follows:

Option I

Client advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
Disbursements	<u>- \$10.00</u>
Net settlement	\$90.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$30.00</u>
Net to Client	\$60.00

Option II

Law firm advances disbursements:

Gross Settlement	\$100.00
33 1/3% Attorney's Fee	<u>\$33.33</u>
Net settlement	\$66.67
Disbursements	<u>- \$10.00</u>
Net to Client	\$56.67

4. **MEDICAL BILLS:** All medical bills incurred which are not paid by the Client's medical insurance and are due and owing shall be chargeable to the Client's portion of the settlement. There may be additional deductions representing outstanding medical bills, liens to doctors for unpaid medical services rendered, or medical services not covered by medical insurance. The recovery of these medical services are included in the gross settlement and shall be paid from the Client's share of the recovery. Unpaid medical providers often will wait for payment until the conclusion of the case, however, in consideration for such abeyance, they will request a lien upon the settlement proceeds. The Client expressly authorizes the firm to sign such lien forms, which may be requested by physicians, and to directly pay outstanding medical bills for treatment to such physicians or other health care providers at the conclusion of the case. This authorization shall include medical and hospital expenses, and subrogation claims. The Client understands that medical providers do not provide medical services contingent upon the outcome of a case, and that in the event that there is no recovery, or an insufficient recovery, the Client will remain responsible for the payment of such medical bills.

5. **NO-FAULT PROCESSING FEE:** If this Retainer Agreement is entered for the processing of a claim for personal injuries arising from a motor vehicle accident wherein "No-Fault" insurance is applicable, it is agreed that the undersigned shall pay a fee of \$350.00 (Three Hundred Fifty Dollars) upon the successful conclusion of the case for the processing of statutory "No-Fault" benefits. This charge represents a lien on any proceeds of the case in favor of the attorney for professional services rendered in processing the "No-Fault" benefits.

6. **WITHDRAWALS:** The law firm expressly reserves the right to withdraw its representation at any time upon reasonable notification to the Client. In the event that the Client advises the law firm to discontinue the handling of this claim, or if the Client fails to cooperate with the law firm in the handling of this claim, Client agrees to compensate the law firm a reasonable amount for its services, and for the time spent on this claim on an hourly basis or under such other arrangement that may be agreed upon by the parties. The Client understands that the law firm has

conditionally accepted this case based upon the independent confirmation of all facts and injuries claimed to have been sustained by Client. In the event that the Client desires to transfer the file from this office, the Client shall be responsible to compensate the law firm for the reasonable value of their services. Such transfer shall not include documents or attorney work product regarding the general liability of the defendants.

7. APPEALS: Client further understands that the services to be provided through this agreement will NOT extend through the prosecution/defense of an appeal or representation on an appeal brought by any of the parties to the lawsuit. Client understands that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. may charge reasonable additional compensation if the case is appealed, or it is necessary to try the case more than once, the amount of which shall be an additional ten (10%) percent – totaling forty-three and one-third percent (43 1/3%) – of the sum recovered in negligence, intentional tort, civil rights and legal malpractice cases. Should attorney's fees under 42 USC § 1988 be awarded and an appeal be prosecuted pursuant to this section the firm may elect either 42 USC §1988 fees or a 10% fee pursuant to this section but not both.

This further appellate representation will not require a new Fee Agreement. In the event the CLIENT's case is dismissed or an unfavorable verdict is rendered, the CLIENT agrees that BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. reserves the right to decide whether or not to prosecute an appeal. If BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. declines to prosecute an appeal, and appeal is taken, and at any point in the appeal process there is an eventual recovery made in the case on behalf of the CLIENT, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. will be entitled to a fee that represents the fair value of the services rendered. BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. shall have the first right of selecting the basis of their fee in the first instance, and if BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS. elects to be paid on an hourly rate, they shall be paid based on an hourly rate of six hundred dollars an hour (\$ 600/hour) for all work performed by BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., and their agents/servants/employees. Unless otherwise stated in writing, BURNS & HARRIS, ESQS., elects to be paid on a contingent fee basis.

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GATES COURT PROCEEDINGS: If the law firm decides to handle Surrogate's Court work and the client agrees, the firm may hire a Surrogate Court attorney and to take fees from the client's share of the recovery. The establishment of a trust may be performed at an extra expense to the client. The client may consult with an elder lawyer, wills or trusts attorney at their own expense.

9. STATUTE OF LIMITATIONS: I understand that the Statute of Limitations period for my case must be investigated and that this Agreement is made subject to that investigation as well as an investigation of my entire case.

10. FINANCING OF CASE: If the firm borrows money from any lending institution to finance the cost of the Client's case, the amounts advanced by this firm to pay the cost of prosecuting or defending a claim or action or otherwise protecting or promoting the Client's interest will bear interest at the highest lawful rate allowed by applicable law. In no event will the interest be greater than the amount paid by the firm to the lending institution.

11. **RESULTS NOT GUARANTEED:** No attorney can accurately predict the outcome of any legal matter, accordingly, no representations are made, either expressly or impliedly, as to the final outcome of this matter. I further understand that I must immediately report any changes in my residence, telephone number or health to the law firm. I understand that this Retainer Agreement is a binding legal contract. I expressly agree that I will fully and freely cooperate with my attorneys in all aspects required for the prosecution of this legal matter and that I will take no actions that frustrate or impair the success of this action.

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(initials)

12. **APPROVAL NECESSARY FOR SETTLEMENT:** Attorneys are hereby granted a power of attorney so that they may have full authority to prepare, sign and file all legal instruments, pleadings, drafts, authorizations and papers as shall be reasonably necessary to conclude this representation, including settlement and/or reducing to possession any and all monies or other things of value due to the Client under the claim as fully as the Client could do so in person. Attorneys are also authorized and empowered to act as Client's negotiator in any and all negotiations concerning the subject of this Agreement.

13. **ASSOCIATION OF OTHER ATTORNEYS:** Attorneys may, at their own expense, use or associate other attorneys in the representation of the aforesaid claims of the Client. Client understands that *the firm*, Seth A. Harris PLLC d/b/a Burns & Harris, is a professional limited liability company under the laws of New York with a number of attorneys. Various firm attorneys may work on Client's case.

14. **ASSOCIATE COUNSEL:** Attorneys may participate in the division of fees in this case and assume joint responsibility for the representation of the Client either in the event that the Attorney retains associate counsel or that the Client later chooses new counsel, provided that the total fee to the Client does not increase as a result of the division of fees and that the attorneys involved have agreed to the division of fees and assumption of joint responsibility.

15. **FEE DISPUTES:** In case of a fee dispute, the undersigned may be entitled to arbitration, if the fee falls within the parameters of the Fee Dispute Resolution Program, pursuant to 22 N.Y.C.R.R. PART 137 of the New York State Court Rules.

16. **COLLECTION WORK:** All work required to prosecute a collection case to recover an award will not be covered by this Agreement.

17. **NEW YORK LAW TO APPLY:** This Agreement shall be construed under and in accordance with the laws of the State of New York and the rights, duties and obligations of Client and of Attorneys regarding Attorney's representation of Client and regarding anything covered by this Agreement shall be governed by the laws of the State of New York.

18. **PARTIES BOUND:** This Agreement shall be binding upon and inure to the benefit of the parties, hereto, and their respective heirs, executors, administrators, legal representative, successors, guardians and assigns.

19. **LEGAL CONSTRUCTION:** In case any one or more of the provisions contained in this Agreement shall for any reason be held invalid, illegal or unenforceable in any respect, such

invalidity, illegality, or unenforceability shall be construed as if such invalid, illegal, or unenforceable provision had never been contained herein.

20. PRIOR AGREEMENTS SUPERSEDED: This Agreement constitutes the sole and only Agreement of the parties hereto and supersedes any prior understanding or written or oral agreement between the parties respecting the within subject matter.

I certify and acknowledge that I have had the opportunity to read this Agreement and have answered any questions pertaining thereto. I further state that I have voluntarily entered into this Agreement fully aware of the terms and conditions.

DATED: Feb 21, 2019

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Witness: _____

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October 4, 2019

Ms. Jean Prabhu
Burns & Harris Attorneys At Law
The Woolworth Building
233 Broadway, Suite 900
New York, NY 10279

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received September 24, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-06540

Dear Ms. Prabhu:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel



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Philadelphia, PA. 19106*

November 12, 2019

Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.
Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP
600 Fifth Avenue at Rockefeller Center
10th Floor
New York, NY 10020

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received November 1, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2020-00949

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn between January 27, 2019, and February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

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(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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October 29, 2019

Via U.S. Mail

U.S. Department of Justice
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Northeast Regional Office
U.S. Custom House
2nd & Chestnut St., 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

Re: *Administrative Complaint by* (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) enclosed please find:

- SF-95 Claim Form
- SF-95 Supplement
- Authorization to File SF-95

If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (212) 763-5000 or by email at krosenfeld@ecbalaw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Katherine Rosenfeld

Encl.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
1. Submit to Appropriate Federal Agency: Federal Bureau of Prisons Northeast Regional Office U.S. Custom House, 7th Floor Philadelphia, PA			2. Name, address of claimant, and claimant's personal representative if any. (See instructions on reverse). Number, Street, City, State and Zip code. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) /o Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP 600 Fifth Avenue, 10th Floor New York, NY 10020		
3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☒ CIVILIAN		4. DATE OF BIRTH (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)	5. MARITAL STATUS Single	6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 01/27/2019 02/03/2019	
7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) A.M.					
8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Please see attached.					
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9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code).					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side).					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT. Please see attached.					
11. WITNESSES					
NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
CELLMATE #1		UNKNOWN			
12. (See instructions on reverse). AMOUNT OF CLAIM (in dollars)					
12a. PROPERTY DAMAGE		12b. PERSONAL INJURY 1,000,000		12c. WRONGFUL DEATH	
				12d. TOTAL (Failure to specify may cause forfeiture of your rights). 1,000,000	
I CERTIFY THAT THE AMOUNT OF CLAIM COVERS ONLY DAMAGES AND INJURIES CAUSED BY THE INCIDENT ABOVE AND AGREE TO ACCEPT SAID AMOUNT IN FULL SATISFACTION AND FINAL SETTLEMENT OF THIS CLAIM.					
13a. SIGNATURE OF CLAIMANT (See instructions on reverse side). <i>Katherine Rosenk...</i>			13b. PHONE NUMBER OF PERSON SIGNING FORM (212) 763-5066		14. DATE OF SIGNATURE
CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment, or both. (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.)		

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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

- a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.
- b. I was confined in Unit 51, Cell b7C
- c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures and/or extreme temperature variations without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.
- d. In addition to these facts, I also experienced the following circumstances between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: Exposure to excessive noise due to constant banging on doors and windows by frustrated and angry inmates on my unit. I have a mental health diagnosis of persistent depressive disorder and anxiety. My diagnosis existed prior to and during the period covering the power failure. Both conditions were exasperated by my experience. I had difficult sleeping, eating and controlling my emotional state. While I do and was taking medication for both conditions at the time of the power failure, the added emotional stress of the power failure conditions proved to be more than the medication could relieve. I did not know what was going to happen to me and I was in constant fear because of it; fear that lingers until now. After the power failure I requested to see the psychiatrist to discuss my concerns about whether my medication type and dosage was adequate. I was never allowed to see the psychiatrist, but instead was referred to the medical unit where I was told by

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my physician's assistant that he was tired of people claiming to have emotional problems as a result of the blackout.

10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold, and/or extreme temperature variations, and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness cause by lack of access to showers of clean clothing; and extreme emotional and psychological distress which resulted in my inability to sleep.
- b. I suffer from persistent depressive disorder and anxiety and was not provided with access to adequate mental healthcare.
- c. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: anxiety, nightmares, fear, claustrophobia, depression, mental health symptoms, PTSD, insomnia, headaches.

11. WITNESSES

The following people witnessed the circumstances that caused my injury: Cellmate, the BOP staff.

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

October 8, 2019

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Northeast Regional Office
U.S. Custom House
2nd & Chestnut St., 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DOB:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No

17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filed by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

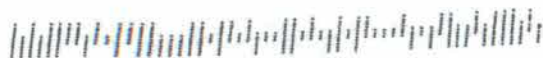
B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

Re: Administrative Tort Claim for injury [28 U.S.C.2671, et. seq.]

Dear Mr. Howard:

The undersigned Claimant respectfully submits this claim under the Federal Tort Claims Act ("FTCA") [28 U S C 2672], and 28 C.F.R 543 30, seeking compensatory damages in the amount of \$100,000.00 for personal injury that he suffered as a result of negligence by Federal Bureau of Prisons staff at the Metropolitan Detention Center ("MDC") in Brooklyn ; New York. For the reasons that follow, this claim should be promptly settled.

I THE RELEVANT FACTS.

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Dated: Brooklyn, New York

May 26, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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PHILADELPHIA, PENNSYLVANIA 19106

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Dated: Brooklyn, New York

6, 21, 2019

Respectfully submitted,

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INMATE REQUEST FOR INFORMAL RESOLUTION

NAME:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

REG.

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

UNIT: 105 (7-3)

SPECIFIC ISSUE NEEDING

RESOLUTION: Violate of Rights 6th and 8th Amendment

EXPLAIN, IN DETAIL THE ISSUE:

On January 27 the electricity went out I was denied access to my lawyer and my visit, didn't have hot water or lights in the cell or unit. No laundry exchange was given, no extra blanket were delivered (until the 9th days). Dr. Gerson Brian didn't give me my medicine for pain of my hernia cause he said it wasn't an emergency. I would like two million dollar compensation and the staff to be held accountable for the condition, I was forced to endure for that treatment cruel and inhuman.

INMATE SIGNATURE

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DATE: 03/04/2019

TO BE COMPLETED BY COUNSELOR

DATE RECEIVED:

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ACTION TAKEN:

See attached response & Federal tort claim.

COUNSELOR SIGNATURE:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

DATE:

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TO BE COMPLETED BY UNIT MANAGER

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DATE:

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EXTENSION GRANTED

DATE DUE

REASON FOR EXTENSION

UNIT MANAGER APPROVAL

DATE



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June 6, 2019

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

MDC Brooklyn
80 29th Street
Brooklyn, NY 11232

Re: Administrative Claim **Received May 30, 2019**
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-04519

Dear Mr. (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

This will acknowledge receipt of your administrative claim for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim.

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Street, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact this office immediately. Also, should your address change, you should contact this office in writing accordingly.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

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Re: *Administrative Complaint by* (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

To Whom It May Concern:

On behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) enclosed please find:

- SF-95 Claim Form
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- Authorization to File SF-95

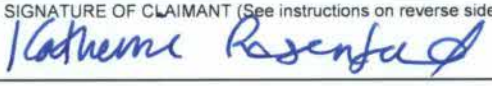
If you have any questions, I can be reached by phone at (212) 763-5000 or by email at krosenfeld@ecbalaw.com. Thank you for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

/s/

Katherine Rosenfeld

Encl.

CLAIM FOR DAMAGE, INJURY, OR DEATH		INSTRUCTIONS: Please read carefully the instructions on the reverse side and supply information requested on both sides of this form. Use additional sheet(s) if necessary. See reverse side for additional instructions.		FORM APPROVED OMB NO. 1105-0008	
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3. TYPE OF EMPLOYMENT ☐ MILITARY ☐ CIVILIAN		4. DATE OF BIRTH (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)		5. MARITAL STATUS Single	
6. DATE AND DAY OF ACCIDENT 01/27/2019		7. TIME (A.M. OR P.M.) A.M.		8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages if necessary). Please see attached.	
9. PROPERTY DAMAGE					
NAME AND ADDRESS OF OWNER, IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). 					
BRIEFLY DESCRIBE THE PROPERTY, NATURE AND EXTENT OF THE DAMAGE AND THE LOCATION OF WHERE THE PROPERTY MAY BE INSPECTED. (See instructions on reverse side). 					
10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH					
STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURED PERSON OR DECEDENT. Please see attached.					
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NAME		ADDRESS (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code)			
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CIVIL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM The claimant is liable to the United States Government for a civil penalty of not less than \$5,000 and not more than \$10,000, plus 3 times the amount of damages sustained by the Government. (See 31 U.S.C. 3729).			CRIMINAL PENALTY FOR PRESENTING FRAUDULENT CLAIM OR MAKING FALSE STATEMENTS Fine, imprisonment or both (See 18 U.S.C. 287, 1001.) FEDERAL BUREAU OF PRISONS REGIONAL COUNSEL OFFICE		

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INSURANCE COVERAGE

In order that subrogation claims may be adjudicated, it is essential that the claimant provide the following information regarding the insurance coverage of the vehicle or property.

15. Do you carry accident insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance company (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code) and policy number. ☐ No

16. Have you filed a claim with your insurance carrier in this instance, and if so, is it full coverage or deductible? ☐ Yes ☐ No 17. If deductible, state amount.

18. If a claim has been filed with your carrier, what action has your insurer taken or proposed to take with reference to your claim? (It is necessary that you ascertain these facts).

19. Do you carry public liability and property damage insurance? ☐ Yes If yes, give name and address of insurance carrier (Number, Street, City, State, and Zip Code). ☐ No

INSTRUCTIONS

Claims presented under the Federal Tort Claims Act should be submitted directly to the "appropriate Federal agency" whose employee(s) was involved in the incident. If the incident involves more than one claimant, each claimant should submit a separate claim form.

Complete all items - Insert the word NONE where applicable.

A CLAIM SHALL BE DEEMED TO HAVE BEEN PRESENTED WHEN A FEDERAL AGENCY RECEIVES FROM A CLAIMANT, HIS DULY AUTHORIZED AGENT, OR LEGAL REPRESENTATIVE, AN EXECUTED STANDARD FORM 95 OR OTHER WRITTEN NOTIFICATION OF AN INCIDENT, ACCOMPANIED BY A CLAIM FOR MONEY

Failure to completely execute this form or to supply the requested material within two years from the date the claim accrued may render your claim invalid. A claim is deemed presented when it is received by the appropriate agency, not when it is mailed.

If instruction is needed in completing this form, the agency listed in item #1 on the reverse side may be contacted. Complete regulations pertaining to claims asserted under the Federal Tort Claims Act can be found in Title 28, Code of Federal Regulations, Part 14. Many agencies have published supplementing regulations. If more than one agency is involved, please state each agency.

The claim may be filed by a duly authorized agent or other legal representative, provided evidence satisfactory to the Government is submitted with the claim establishing express authority to act for the claimant. A claim presented by an agent or legal representative must be presented in the name of the claimant. If the claim is signed by the agent or legal representative, it must show the title or legal capacity of the person signing and be accompanied by evidence of his/her authority to present a claim on behalf of the claimant as agent, executor, administrator, parent, guardian or other representative.

If claimant intends to file for both personal injury and property damage, the amount for each must be shown in item number 12 of this form.

DAMAGES IN A **SUM CERTAIN** FOR INJURY TO OR LOSS OF PROPERTY, PERSONAL INJURY, OR DEATH ALLEGED TO HAVE OCCURRED BY REASON OF THE INCIDENT. THE CLAIM MUST BE PRESENTED TO THE APPROPRIATE FEDERAL AGENCY WITHIN **TWO YEARS** AFTER THE CLAIM ACCRUES.

The amount claimed should be substantiated by competent evidence as follows:

(a) In support of the claim for personal injury or death, the claimant should submit a written report by the attending physician, showing the nature and extent of the injury, the nature and extent of treatment, the degree of permanent disability, if any, the prognosis, and the period of hospitalization, or incapacitation, attaching itemized bills for medical, hospital, or burial expenses actually incurred.

(b) In support of claims for damage to property, which has been or can be economically repaired, the claimant should submit at least two itemized signed statements or estimates by reliable, disinterested concerns, or, if payment has been made, the itemized signed receipts evidencing payment.

(c) In support of claims for damage to property which is not economically repairable, or if the property is lost or destroyed, the claimant should submit statements as to the original cost of the property, the date of purchase, and the value of the property, both before and after the accident. Such statements should be by disinterested competent persons, preferably reputable dealers or officials familiar with the type of property damaged, or by two or more competitive bidders, and should be certified as being just and correct.

(d) **Failure to specify a sum certain will render your claim invalid and may result in forfeiture of your rights.**

PRIVACY ACT NOTICE

This Notice is provided in accordance with the Privacy Act, 5 U.S.C. 552a(e)(3), and concerns the information requested in the letter to which this Notice is attached.

A. **Authority:** The requested information is solicited pursuant to one or more of the following: 5 U.S.C. 301, 28 U.S.C. 501 et seq., 28 U.S.C. 2671 et seq., 28 C.F.R. Part 14.

B. **Principal Purpose:** The information requested is to be used in evaluating claims.
C. **Routine Use:** See the Notices of Systems of Records for the agency to whom you are submitting this form for this information.
D. **Effect of Failure to Respond:** Disclosure is voluntary. However, failure to supply the requested information or to execute the form may render your claim "invalid."

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This notice is solely for the purpose of the Paperwork Reduction Act, 44 U.S.C. 3501. Public reporting burden for this collection of information is estimated to average 6 hours per response, including the time for reviewing instructions, searching existing data sources, gathering and maintaining the data needed, and completing and reviewing the collection of information. Send comments regarding this burden estimate or any other aspect of this collection of information, including suggestions for reducing this burden, to the Director, Torts Branch, Attention: Paperwork Reduction Staff, Civil Division, U.S. Department of Justice, Washington, DC 20530 or to the Office of Management and Budget. Do not mail completed form(s) to these addresses.

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8. BASIS OF CLAIM (State in detail the known facts and circumstances attending the damage, injury, or death, identifying persons and property involved, the place of occurrence and the cause thereof. Use additional pages in necessary)

a. During the week of January 27, 2019 through February 3, 2019, I was incarcerated in the West Building at the Metropolitan Detention Center in Brooklyn, New York. During that week, there was a power failure in the West Building.

b. I was confined in Unit 53, cell (b)(6)
(b)(7)(C).

c. In the seven-day period between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: (1) there was no electricity and no functioning lights, and I was confined in near-darkness; (2) there was little to no heat and I was confined in freezing cold temperatures without adequate clothing or blankets; (3) there was a building-wide lockdown and I was confined to my cell for long periods of time; and (4) I had little to no access to clean laundry, hot food, regularly scheduled meals, regular showers, hot showers and hot water, medical or psychiatric care, exercise, or outside communications with my family or lawyers via email, pay phone, or visits.

d. In addition to these facts, I also experienced the following circumstances between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC: [Example: unclean drinking water, broken toilet, rotting food]

Because I use a wheelchair that cannot move around my small cell, I was confined to my bed for the entire time.

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10. PERSONAL INJURY/WRONGFUL DEATH: STATE THE NATURE AND EXTENT OF EACH INJURY OR CAUSE OF DEATH, WHICH FORMS THE BASIS OF THE CLAIM. IF OTHER THAN CLAIMANT, STATE THE NAME OF THE INJURY PERSON OR DECEDENT.

- a. As a result of being confined in the circumstances described in paragraph 8, including but not limited to a prolonged period of bitter cold and darkness, I suffered the following injuries which form the basis of my claim: physical pain and discomfort as a result of my exposure to the cold; hunger; exposure to noxious odor, air quality, and excessive noise; severe personal uncleanliness caused by lack of access to showers or clean clothing; and emotional and psychological distress.
- b. I am HIV positive and during this period I was not provided with needed medical care. Specifically, I was not consistently provided with my medication (Triumeq).
- c. In addition to those injuries described in paragraph 10(a) above, I also suffered the following injuries between January 27, 2019 and February 3, 2019 while I was confined at MDC, and/or as a result of the events of that week of confinement: [Examples: nightmares, anxiety, asthma symptoms, nausea, diabetes, etc.]

Anxiety, nightmares and stress

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11. WITNESSES

The following people witnessed the circumstances that caused my injury:
[Provide name and address for each]

Cellmate

AUTHORIZATION TO FILE SF-95 ON MY BEHALF

June 28, 2019

U.S. Department of Justice
Federal Bureau of Prisons
Northeast Regional Office
U.S. Custom House
2nd & Chestnut St., 7th Floor
Philadelphia, PA 19106

To Whom it May Concern:

I, (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) authorize my representatives at Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP, including Katherine Rosenfeld, to submit an administrative complaint pursuant to the Federal Tort Claims Act, 28 U.S.C. §§ 1346(b), 2671 et seq. against the Bureau of Prisons.

Thank you. If you have any questions, please call Ms. Rosenfeld at 212-763-5066.

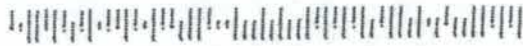
Sincerely,

Name:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Date of Birth:

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)



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August 2, 2019

Emery Celli Brinckerhoff & Abady LLP
600 Fifth Avenue at Rockefeller Center
10th Floor
New York, NY 10020
Attn: Katherine Rosenfeld, Esq.

Re: Administrative Tort Claim Received July 29, 2019
Filed on Behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C)
Claim No. TRT-NER-2019-05819

Dear Ms. Rosenfeld:

This will acknowledge receipt of the administrative claim you submitted on behalf of (b)(6); (b)(7)(C) for an alleged personal injury suffered at MDC Brooklyn January 27, 2019, through February 3, 2019.

Under the provisions of the applicable federal statutes, we have six months from the date of receipt to review, consider, and adjudicate your claim. In order for this office to properly evaluate this claim, you are required to submit all the information required by 28 C.F.R. §14.4(b).

All correspondence regarding this claim should be addressed to me at: Federal Bureau of Prisons, Northeast Regional Office, Room 701, U.S. Custom House, 2nd & Chestnut Streets, Philadelphia, Pennsylvania 19106. If the circumstances surrounding this claim change in any fashion, you should contact me immediately.

Sincerely,

(b)(6); (b)(7)(C)

Darrin Howard
Regional Counsel