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Sincerely,

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To: [Charles Brown](#)
Cc: [Holly Greene](#); [Joseph Grossman](#); [Haley Greenberg](#); [JR Sloan](#); [Rusty Johnson](#)
Subject: Re: ADCRR ASET Project
Date: Wednesday, March 24, 2021 8:38:15 AM

Hi Chuck,

No problem. Unfortunately I'm not the person who can provide an answer to your follow up question. Either AD Grossman or a Deputy Director can provide information about that.

Thanks!
David

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I would be happy to have a quick call if you believe it would be helpful.

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News Coverage Report

ADCRR NEWS COVERAGE REPORT
February 24, 2021
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ARIZONA LOCAL STORIES:

KJZZ: Software Impacting Prison Releases

<https://app.criticalmention.com/app/#clip/view/a5556a72-5e9d-48a6-beef-fc7b46a768d9?token=1e482642-b50e-4f50-88eb-b143e3dbfc66>

ABC15

February 23, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

Developing now of course, Arizona lawmakers are responding to a pretty concerning report about Arizona prisons. KJZZ publishing a whistleblower report Monday with claims inmates in state prisons are being held beyond their release dates. The house appropriations committee is now taking up a bill which would create an independent oversight committee to monitor the Arizona Department of Corrections. According to the kjzz report a known issue with older software is causing the issue. A department spokesperson responding to the report says claims of inmates being kept beyond their release dates are false but does admit inmate management software system does not currently calculate release dates as it should according to state law.

NATIONAL STORIES:

Lesniak Applauds Murphy's Budget Which Will Change The Culture Of Corrections

<https://www.insidernj.com/press-release/lesniak-applauds-murphys-budget-will-change-culture-corrections/>

INSIDENJ.com

February 24, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

Former Senator Raymond Lesniak, a proponent of legislation called Earn Your Way Out, applauded Governor Murphy's budget proposal which provides \$7.8 million for implementation of "the most significant criminal justice reform proposal in America. Earn Your Way Out will change the culture of corrections by emphasizing rehabilitation in the everyday life of inmates and corrections officers." Lesniak added, "Certainly the culture that plagues the Department of Corrections which allowed the abuse of female inmates at the

Edna Mahan Correctional Facility needs to be changed.”

“Earn Your Way Out gives inmates an opportunity to become better persons when they leave prison than when they entered by starting reentry plans when entering prison, not just when getting out. Earn Your Way Out offers inmates incentives: one day off an inmate’s sentence for every six days participation in a re-entry plan which will include: education, job training, counseling, and community service, the entire gamut of rehabilitation tools that will help an inmate integrate into society in a manner which will lead to a productive and crime free life,” said Lesniak who thanked Senator Cunningham and Assemblywoman Sumter for leading the charge as its sponsors.

Letter: Dept. of Corrections needs independent oversight

https://roanoke.com/opinion/letters/letter-dept-of-corrections-needs-independent-oversight/article_6b165548-7060-11eb-b288-57af500712ad.html

The Roanoke Times

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STORY SYNOPSIS:

Adam Rosenfeld’s Feb. 10 op-ed “Virginia prisons need oversight” makes a compelling case for why Virginia’s Department of Corrections needs more transparency and accountability through independent oversight.

While the bill, HB 2325, garnered bipartisan support, it died in Appropriations. However, the House budget includes language directing stakeholders to assess the need, the costs, and prioritize the powers of an independent oversight body prior to the 2022 General Assembly.

My goal is to ensure that language remains in the final budget to maintain momentum and to create a sense of urgency to take action.

Every agency in Virginia must be transparent and accountable to the public in which they serve. It is only through independent oversight that Virginia taxpayers and families with loved ones in prison will have that assurance.

Patrick Hope, Arlington

Patrick Hope is a delegate in the Virginia General Assembly representing Arlington County. He is the chairman of the House Public Safety Committee.

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The Dept of Corrections is pushing back against allegations that it censored *KJZZ*'s website so employees and inmates could not read a critical report of how the agency has handled early release. Judy Keane, the communications director, told our reporter the department is demanding a retraction of reporter Jimmy Jenkins' tweet alleging censorship, but didn't say the department wanted him to retract the story itself. (In a statement after our deadline yesterday, the department said while the more-than \$24 million computer software doesn't work, the department has been calculating sentences manually. It didn't push back against claims that the department knew that system was inoperable and buried that information.) Keane said while the *KJZZ* site was blocked, as Jenkins' tweets showed, it was not a deliberate target on the news outlet. "The reason for people not being able to access *KJZZ* is it's been categorized as a radio site. It allows for streaming on it," Keane said, adding that it would "compromise our broadband capabilities and can impact our department bandwidth." She said the ban only applied to certain employees, but would not provide our reporter with a list of which categories of employees could not access streaming sites. "The bottom line is we did not do this. This content filtering, if you will, has been in existence for a while," Keane told our reporter, but could not say for sure when this policy was put in place. (She said she is "pretty sure" it goes back to former Director Chuck Ryan.) Keane could not provide our reporter with proof that the department also blocks other streaming sites, such as *KTAR*, the only media outlet Dept of Corrections Director David Shinn has granted multiple interviews to in the past year.

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ARIZONA LOCAL STORIES:

Arizona Lawmakers Respond To Report On Prison Software Impacting Prison Release Dates
<https://kjzz.org/content/1661301/arizona-lawmakers-respond-report-prison-software-impacting-prison-release-dates>

KJZZ

February 23, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

Arizona lawmakers responded to whistleblower reports published by KJZZ on Monday alleging inmates in state prisons are being held beyond their release dates.

The House Appropriations Committee held discussion on House Bill 2167, which would create an independent ombudsman and oversight committee to monitor the Arizona Department of Corrections.

The Bill is sponsored by Rep. Walt Blackman, who told the committee it would help the legislature fix a broken system of criminal justice. Blackman pointed to KJZZ reporting as an example of issues in need of more oversight.

“There are folks sitting in DOC right now that should be out because they have met their time or don’t have the resources — or they’re on an antiquated system — to get these folks out of prison,” Blackman said.

Rep. Randy Friese also expressed frustration after reading the KJZZ report.

“We passed a bill two years ago about earned release credits and they can’t keep track of it,” Friese said. “They knew about it — and they didn’t tell anybody. And there were employees who were saying this isn’t right, something’s not working, but nothing was done.”

Rep. Charlene Fernandez said the oversight committee could potentially help the department save money by keeping closer tabs on expenditures.

“Does anyone even think about how much we spent on the software that is currently keeping track of our inmates and is not working?” Fernandez asked.

The oversight bill passed the House Appropriations Committee.

A Department of Corrections spokesperson said claims of inmates being held beyond release dates were false, but admitted the inmate management software system does not currently calculate release dates in accordance with state law.

NATIONAL STORIES:

Officer was supposed to record search of cells, but AG says he covered up beatings at N.J. women's prison

<https://www.nj.com/news/2021/02/officer-was-supposed-to-record-search-of-cells-but-ag-says-he-covered-up-beatings-at-nj-womens-prison.html>

NJ.com

February 23, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

A New Jersey correctional police sergeant who was supposed to video record the forced removal of inmates from their cells at New Jersey's women's prison faces criminal accusations that he helped cover up a coordinated beatdown.

Sgt. Matthew D. Faschan is the fourth officer at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility to face criminal charges in a widening probe into [the Jan. 11 incident](#), during which prisoners say they were maced, punched and kicked while handcuffed.

Faschan, 33, of Hackettstown, faces two counts of official misconduct and one count of records tampering, according to state Attorney General Gurbir Grewal.

Faschan could not be reached at listed numbers. His attorney did not immediately respond to a message seeking comment.

The incident at the center of the probe was the removal of multiple inmates from a special wing of the prison known as the Restorative Housing Unit, or RHU. Such removals require oversight, including a video recording.

Charging documents allege that Faschan "purposely did not record" key portions of the extractions, including the removal of an inmate who "immediately complied" but nonetheless was punched multiple times.

Bill to abolish death penalty in Montana tabled

https://helenair.com/news/state-and-regional/govt-and-politics/bill-to-abolish-death-penalty-in-montana-tabled/article_eceba682-cebe-5823-857f-ed88bd9d9af9.html

Independent Record, Montana

February 23, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

A House committee Tuesday tabled without discussion a proposal to abolish the death penalty in Montana.

Since 2015, Montana has been unable to carry out an execution because of a district court judge's order that barred the state from using one drug in its lethal injection cocktail, although another bill to allow the state to expand its methods has already passed the House this session.

On Tuesday, Rep. Ed Stafman, D-Bozeman, introduced the perennial bill to abolish the death penalty in Montana. After more than an hour of testimony during a marathon week for the House Judiciary Committee's condensed bill schedule, Rep. Dennis Lenz, R-Billings, motioned to table the bill before any debate got underway between committee members. The motion to table House Bill 335 passed mostly along party lines, 11-8. In the last two sessions, the same proposal — these iterations brought by Republican lawmakers — met the same fate.

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Software 'Bug' Keeps Arizona Prisoners Behind Bars Past Release Dates [Updated]

<https://gizmodo.com/software-bug-keeps-arizona-prisoners-behind-bars-past-r-1846327969>

GIZMODO.com

February 22, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

An Arizona law aimed at helping people with drug convictions earn early release from prison is reportedly being ignored in some cases due to flaws in state's inmate management software, a Phoenix-area public radio station reported Monday, citing multiple government sources.

KJZZ, an NPR member station, reports that the inmate software, known as ACIS, is presently incapable of factoring in the early release credits earned by inmates—something the Arizona Department of Corrections (ADC) doesn't deny. Whistleblowers within the department, however, told KJZZ that while prison employees are attempting the calculations manually, "hundreds" of inmates remain behind bars despite being eligible for release under the law.

State employees, granted anonymity by KJZZ due to fear of retaliation, told the station that the ACIS software used to determine inmate release dates is currently incapable of identifying prisoners who've qualified for early release under the SB 1310 program. The employees said correction department leaders have known about the problem since 2019.

The Arizona Department of Corrections confirmed in a statement to Gizmodo that its ACIS software is incapable of calculating early release dates for prisoners who've participated in SB 1310-eligible programs. The department denies, however, that any inmates have had their sentences prolonged by this, saying its employees are manually performing those calculations for thousands of inmates accurately.

"Release eligibility data is constantly monitored and [Arizona Department of Corrections] updates the calculation multiple times daily to ensure appropriate release times are calculated and acted upon," an ADC spokesperson said.

NATIONAL STORIES:

Officers attacked at Indiana State Prison identified; flags to be flown at half-staff

<https://wsbt.com/news/local/officers-attacked-at-indiana-state-prison-identified-flags-to-be-flown-at-half-staff>

WSBT 22,

February 22, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

The Indiana Department of Correction has named the officers who were attacked at the Indiana State Prison yesterday. Flags will also be flown at half-staff in honor of Lieutenant Eugene Lasco, who died as a result of the attack.

You can read the full release from the Indiana Department of Corrections below:

"Indiana Department of Correction Commissioner Robert Carter has ordered flags to be flown at half-staff at all IDOC facilities in honor of Lieutenant Eugene Lasco, who lost his life after a stabbing incident at Indiana State Prison.

Governor Eric J. Holcomb will direct flags to be flown at half-staff in LaPorte County on the day of Lt. Lasco's services, per protocol.

"Lt. Eugene Lasco paid the ultimate sacrifice, and we are forever indebted to his service to the State of Indiana. Lt. Lasco was well-known amongst his colleagues as a true team member, someone they could count on, and he proved that again on Sunday, when he rushed in to help a fellow correctional officer. His sacrifice will not be forgotten," Carter said.

The incident happened at approximately 2:30 p.m. on Sunday, February 21, 2021, when Sergeant Padrick Schmitt was attacked and stabbed multiple times by an offender. Lt. Lasco went to assist Sgt. Schmitt, and the offender stabbed Lt. Lasco.

Both correctional staff were transported to Franciscan Hospital. Lt. Lasco succumbed to his injuries and died at Franciscan Hospital. Sgt. Schmitt was transferred to Memorial Hospital in South Bend, and is in stable condition.

Proposed state funding cuts could impact Kandiyohi County Community Corrections

<https://www.wctrib.com/news/government-and-politics/6891734-Proposed-state-funding-cuts-could-impact-Kandiyohi-County-Community-Corrections>

West Central Tribune, MN

February 23, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

The proposed biennial budget from Gov. Tim Walz has Kandiyohi County Community Corrections Director Tami Jo Lieberg very concerned. The budget is calling for millions of dollars in reductions to the funding of county community corrections and probation officer programs, while keeping the state's Department of Corrections budget untouched.

"They are keeping their system whole at the state level and passing all the cuts to the county level," Lieberg said to the Kandiyohi County Board of Commissioners during Tuesday's Health and Human Services Committee meeting.

The proposed reductions are \$1.6 million in fiscal year 2022 and \$6.61 million reduction in fiscal year 2023, an approximately 5 percent reduction in the total community corrections funding stream. In fiscal year 2021 the budget for community services including community corrections was \$133,738,000. The total Department of Corrections budget was \$624,604,000.

"Hopefully the proposed budget won't be what we see in the end," Lieberg said.

Minnesota has a complicated system to provide supervision to criminal offenders. Counties can choose between contracting with the Department of Corrections, creating their own community corrections programs or having county probation officers.

Maine Department of Corrections to expand substance abuse program

<https://www.newscentermaine.com/article/news/health/maine-department-of-corrections-expands-substance-abuse-program-opioid-heroin-prison/97-7353aeb-db64-4ce4-b7e3-a12fa1915687>

News Center Maine

February 21, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

The Maine Department of Corrections is expanding its medication-assisted treatment program.

The MAT program began about two years ago as part of Governor Janet Mills' executive order to fight the opioid epidemic. More than 500 people have already gone through the program with a number of success stories, including Corey Dionne, who struggled with heroin addiction for a decade.

Dionne said that every time he was released from prison, he would relapse.

"Get out, start using, get out, start using. For like 10 years it was a reoccurring thing," he said.

He said that at that time, he needed a change from what he had always known.

"I just buried my brother two months ago. He overdosed and died. My father overdosed and died in 2017," he told NEWS CENTER Maine.

Then he was introduced to the MAT program, which uses group therapy and Suboxone (methadone), a synthetic narcotic used to treat opioid addiction.

Suboxone "helps them stay engaged with cravings and to keep them focused on the real aspect with group therapy and community," said Kelly McKenna, regional vice president of operations for Groups Recover Together.

Beginning this month, the Department of Corrections will introduce more eligible residents of the prison system to the program.

In the first phase, people who are scheduled to be released within 12 months will receive treatment. The next phase will add those who will be released within 18 months, and by November, all inmates are due to be eligible for MAT.

"We believe that that's the best practice and will save lives in the state of Maine," Maine Department of Corrections Randall Liberty said.

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Subject: Re: Please review
Date: Monday, February 22, 2021 11:05:04 PM

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Software bugs reportedly keep Arizona inmates jailed past release dates

<https://arstechnica.com/tech-policy/2021/02/software-bugs-reportedly-keep-arizona-inmates-jailed-past-release-dates/>

ars technica
February 22, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

A failure to update critical prison management software has kept hundreds of incarcerated people in Arizona behind bars longer than they should be, according to a whistleblower report.

Employees for the Arizona Department of Corrections have known about the bug since 2019, Phoenix-based NPR affiliate KJZZ reported. The flaw follows a change to state law that the software simply cannot handle and has not been updated to deal with.

Arizona has one of the highest imprisonment rates in the country, with drug possession convictions being one of the highest drivers behind the numbers. An amendment (PDF) to Arizona state law in June 2019 created a mechanism through which inmates convicted of certain nonviolent drug offenses can earn credits toward early release. Eligible inmates who complete a program such as a GED equivalent or substance abuse treatment while imprisoned can earn three days' credit for every seven days served and shorten the length of time they spend behind bars to 70 percent of their assigned sentence.

Arizona adds 1,804 new COVID-19 cases, 25 deaths as case rate declines by some measures

<https://www.azcentral.com/story/news/local/arizona-health/2021/02/21/arizona-covid-19-update-1804->

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AZ Central

Phoenix, AZ

February 21, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

The Arizona Department of Corrections reported 11,895 inmates had tested positive for COVID-19 as of Friday, including 2,236 in Tucson, 2,005 in Yuma, 1,974 in Eyman, 1,307 in Lewis and 1,155 in Douglas; 43,595 inmates statewide have been tested. A total of 2,649 prison staff members have self-reported testing positive, the department said. Thirty-five incarcerated people in Arizona have been confirmed to have died of COVID-19, with 17 additional deaths under investigation.

NATIONAL STORIES:

NAACP Files Civil Rights Complaint Against Missouri Over Lack Of Prisoner Vaccines

[https://www.northwestmo.info.com/local-news/naACP-files-civil-rights-complaint-against-](https://www.northwestmo.info.com/local-news/naACP-files-civil-rights-complaint-against-missouri-over-lack-)

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Northwest MoInfo

St. Louis, MO

February 22, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

The St. Louis NAACP filed a federal civil rights complaint against Missouri over the lack of coronavirus vaccinations for prisoners. According to the Missouri Department of Corrections, no Missouri prisoner has been vaccinated against the virus. Approximately 8,000 inmates, roughly one-third of Missouri prisoners, qualify for the vaccine. Of those, 6,000 said they would like to receive the vaccine. A spokesman for the Department of Corrections says 0.2% of Missouri prisoners currently have confirmed cases of coronavirus.

Report shows lower recidivism rates in community corrections programs; legislation pending

[https://www.aldailynews.com/report-shows-lower-recidivism-rates-in-community-corrections-](https://www.aldailynews.com/report-shows-lower-recidivism-rates-in-community-corrections-programs-legislation-pending/)

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Alabama Daily News

Alabama

February 22, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS:

Criminal offenders who served their sentences in programs in which they stayed in their own communities under supervision were on average significantly less likely to commit new felonies than other offenders under the Alabama Department of Corrections oversight, a recent

study found. But some community correction programs had recidivism rates much higher than others and vary in the fees offenders must pay. Meanwhile, the programs for non-violent felony offenders aren't available in some areas of the state.

The recidivism rate for community corrections program completers in 2014 to 2016 was 27.6%. The recidivism rate for offenders released from ADOC prisons during the same period was 38%.

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TOMORROW THEY'LL SAY A COMPUTER GLITCH BLOCKED KJZZ

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The Dept of Corrections seemingly censored *KJZZ* from its computers after reporter Jimmy Jenkins broke a story today about a "software bug" that kept inmates who were eligible for early release in prison beyond their release dates. Dept of Corrections knew about the problem for more than a year, prison employees told Jenkins. The department has spent more than \$24 million on the faulty computer system used to track inmates, though it still cannot find which inmates are eligible for early release under Laws 2019 Chapter 310 (S1310: earned release credits; drug offenses), Jenkins reported ([LINK](#)). "We knew from day one this wasn't going to work," a department employee told Jenkins. "When they approved that bill, we looked at it and said 'Oh, s—.'" Although department employees complained about the bugs in the system, department leadership told employees to keep quiet, Jenkins reported. That bury your head in the sand approach apparently extends to criticism of the system, as hours after he broke the story, Jenkins tweeted an update. "Sources tell me the Arizona Department of Corrections has blocked all employee computers from accessing the entire @kjzzphoenix website after we published Department whistleblowers this morning," he wrote, adding that *CNN*, *Fox* and local station websites still work, but not *KJZZ*. He included a screenshot from a Dept of Corrections employee showing the website had been blocked "all of a sudden" ([LINK](#)). "It looks like the inmates are running the asylum at DOC, but in their case it would actually be an improvement," one former senior corrections employee told our reporter. "There is a complete failure of leadership at the agency and the Governor's Office seems unwilling to do something about it." Ducey communications director CJ Karamargin didn't return a call from our reporter, nor did Dept of Corrections communications director Judy Keane. There have already been calls to oust Director David Shinn, who Ducey tapped to replace former problem-plagued Director Chuck Ryan, who was essentially forced to resign after calls for his firing or resignation due to the ongoing prison locks scandal.

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ARIZONA LOCAL STORIES

Whistleblowers: Software Bug Keeping Hundreds Of Inmates In Arizona Prisons Beyond Release Dates
<https://kjzz.org/content/1660988/whistleblowers-software-bug-keeping-hundreds-inmates-arizona-prisons-beyond-release>
KJZZ (NPR)
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STORY SYNOPSIS

According to Arizona Department of Corrections whistleblowers, hundreds of incarcerated people who should be eligible for release are being held in prison because the inmate management software cannot interpret current sentencing laws. KJZZ is not naming the whistleblowers because they fear retaliation. The employees said they have been raising the issue internally for more than a year, but prison administrators have not acted to fix the software bug. The sources said Chief Information Officer Holly Greene and Deputy Director Joe Profiri have been aware of the problem since 2019. The Arizona Department of Corrections confirmed there is a problem with the software. As of 2019, the department had spent more than \$24 million contracting with IT company Business & Decision, North America to build and maintain the software program, known as ACIS, that is used to manage the inmate population in state prisons. One of the software modules within ACIS, designed to calculate release dates for inmates, is presently unable to account for an amendment to state law that was passed in 2019. Instead of fixing the bug, department sources said employees are attempting to identify qualifying inmates manually. Arizona Department of Corrections spokesperson Bill Lamoreaux said the department has been able to identify 733 inmates that are potentially eligible to take part in the early release programming, who are not currently enrolled in a program. "ADCRR is prioritizing those eligible for this type of release," Lamoreaux said, "and will put them in program spaces as soon as an opening becomes available based on release timeline." But sources say the department isn't even scratching the surface of the entire number of eligible inmates.

NATIONAL STORIES

Corrections Officer Killed, Another Injured in Stabbing at Indiana State Prison
<https://www.nbcchicago.com/news/local/1-staff-member-killed-another-injured-in-stabbing-at-indiana-state-prison-in-michigan-city/2443808/>
Idaho Press
February 21, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS

A corrections officer was fatally stabbed Sunday at the Indiana State Prison in Michigan City, state police confirmed. A second corrections officer sustained serious injuries when an inmate attacked both employees in a common area at approximately 2:40 p.m., officials said. "Our thoughts and prayers are with our staff and their families," the Indiana Department of Correction said in a Facebook post. The suspect, Tymetri Campbell, 38, faces several preliminary charges, including murder, state police said. Campbell is serving a sentence for three counts of murder out of Marion County, Indiana, according to the Department of Correction website.

Black transgender woman files second lawsuit against Georgia Department of Corrections for not keeping her safe
https://news.yahoo.com/black-transgender-woman-2-es-second-20-526395.html?guccounter=1&guce_referrer=aHR0cHM6Ly93d3cuZ29kLmNvbnV8&guce_referrer_sig=AQAAAN_eHuoXy9sYBDFpA8D_vb0yUzWqTH_5JU8x_BSZc3Jb_2y6S2xLY_Dx6z8g9E0DP_DT18FPtUWMMGSp_Abz_0z2g7Z2BtHmMbd3LS8dGdGWHtH2YU7r5CEf3AlrECn6NFlg_qbabIeSA_0UBUdRAm_FF92Xn

CBS News
February 21, 2021

STORY SYNOPSIS

Ashley Diamond, a Black transgender woman, says she is being abused and raped while in prison. Diamond filed her second lawsuit against the Georgia Department of Corrections for not protecting her or providing the necessary health care she and other incarcerated trans people require. CBSN's Lana Zak spoke to Diamond's lawyer, Chinyere Ezie, about the lawsuit and the impact it could have on the trans community.

The Department of Corrections in Georgia is facing a significant lawsuit claiming it fails to protect transgender inmates and provide adequate health care. Ashley Diamond filed the lawsuit. She is a Black trans woman who is currently in prison for a parole violation. This is the second lawsuit she has filed against the GDC.

In 2015, she filed a suit against the Department for, quote, "abusive conditions" facing incarcerated transgender people. Diamond settled with the Department, but her case made her a leader in the treatment of incarcerated trans people.

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