

VISIT TO CJ #3 - 9/16/23 by Sheriff's Dept. Oversight Board Members members William Palmer & Jayson Wechter

ISSUE: LAUNDRY

Multiple inmates complained about this:

Clothes not returned clean (started May-June 2023)

Clothes are not properly washed. Seems like they don't use detergent. Inmates have to wash their clothes themselves in the sinks in their cells.

Grievances about this are ignored.

Used to get 2 new sets of clothes when arrived at jail; now get used clothing – worried about scabies/staph from homeless

ISSUE: NO RESPONSE TO GRIEVANCES

Multiple inmates spoke about being retaliated against for filing grievances by being harassed, strip-searched, losing visiting privileges. One inmate said, "Grievances usually backfire."

One inmate said, "They don't look into issues with grievances. It says `Resolved at this level.'"

New deputies will say they don't have grievance forms to give you when you can see there are grievance forms at the deputy's station.

ISSUE: RETALIATION, MISTREATMENT

Post-Fight Club scandal, deputies cannot be so violent with inmates so now do passive aggressive actions.

Several inmates spoke about being physically abused by deputies.

ISSUE: A GRIEVANCE FILED AGAINST A POD DEPUTY GOES TO THAT POD DEPUTY, NOT TO A SUPERVISOR

POD deputy will deny grievance and it doesn't go any further.

ISSUE: Can only use phones 8am - 10am, 5pm - 9pm. Cannot make phone calls from 10:30 am to 5:00 pm, which makes it hard to call your attorney.

ISSUE: Food: too much starch in food; get 2 cakes (high in sugar) every morning.

ISSUE: Delays for medical issues, delays in being taken to medical pod and to the hospital.

Several inmates spoke about a lack of response or significant delays in response to their medical issues, some of which were serious.

ISSUE: Mix up in mail delivery: not everyone gets their mail. Deputies gave mail to the wrong person. Mail might go to the wrong pod. inmates receive another inmate's mail.

ISSUE: Monthly face-to-face visits: must be logged in at 8:59 a.m. to reserve a visit, closed at 9:00 a.m.

ISSUE: TABLETS

Life After Next was taken off their tablets. They don't get tablet apps that inmates in other counties get.

ISSUE: When there's an issue in one pod, there's a jail-wide shut down, they deny phone rights, walk-time to everyone.

ISSUE: Before Covid, they had one visit per week. Since Covid, only one visit/month.

ISSUE: Don't switch our blankets - supposed to do this every 4 or 6 weeks.

ISSUE: Lack of access to fresh air/sunlight.

ISSUE: Asian deputies retaliate against inmates accused of crimes against Asians.

ISSUE: Deputies are not held accountable.

ISSUE: They don't get board games despite there being a room full of them. Staff says there's only one deputy who is available to get board games from this room.

QUALIFICATIONS THEY WOULD LIKE TO SEE IN THE INSPECTOR GENERAL:

- They should "Know how it feels to be in here."
- It should be someone familiar with the jail system.
- It cannot be someone connected to the Sheriff.