

March 6, 2013

Honorable Lance Affrick  
(Clerk)  
Attn. Jones v. Gusman  
500 Poydras  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Your Honor,

I am a resident of New Orleans, and am concerned about the horrible conditions in Orleans Parish Prison, including the people who have died there - the most recently just in the last couple weeks. The Sheriff and the Mayor continue to shift culpability back and forth; neither takes responsibility for the changes needed to ensure that the people of our city who are housed in the jail are not facing life-threatening conditions. These people are our sisters, brothers, mothers, uncles, next-door neighbors, friends and co-workers.

Judge, I respectfully ask you to please make the sheriff, the mayor, and the city government officers all follow the law and enter into the Consent Decree.

I myself have been briefly incarcerated in Orleans Parish Prison. Many of my closest friends have as well, often for offenses that were later dismissed in court without conviction. We can all testify to the shocking conditions of the facility, to the often demoralizing relationship between guard and inmate, and to the Kafkaesque system of bureaucracy standing between an inmate and his freedom. Without speaking to the NOPD's more than questionable practices of apprehension and detainment, which have inflicted a reign of discriminatory terror upon this city for some time now, the people of New Orleans demand the institution of a Consent Decree which would effectively:

- a. Develop a housing and classification system that would ensure individuals are appropriately and safely housed while in OPP custody;
- b. Provide individuals in OPP custody with reasonably safe living conditions and provide protections from violence and sexual and physical abuse;

- c. Provide training for deputies on excessive use of force, and require deputies to report uses of force against individuals in OPP;**
- d. Provide sufficient staffing to ensure individuals in OPP are protected from harm;**
- e. Provide sufficient staffing to ensure individuals in OPP are provided adequate access to medical and mental health services;**
- f. Ensure that deputies who are assigned to special housing tiers such as youth tiers, protective custody tiers, mental health tiers, and disciplinary tiers receive specialized training on working with individuals housed on those tiers;**
- g. Ensure that the prison has a functioning grievance system that allows individuals in OPP to file grievances confidentially;**
- h. Develop tools to allow OPP staff to assess and respond to mental health needs of individuals being booked into OPP;**
- i. Ensure that individuals with mental health needs are evaluated by a Qualified Mental Health Professional;**
- j. Ensure that individuals with mental health needs are provided adequate treatment and medication, as well as counseling;**
- k. Develop and implement a comprehensive suicide prevention policy;**
- l. Prevent unnecessary use of chemical or physical restraint on prisoners with mental illness;**
- m. Ensure that all staff are trained in responding to people who are detoxing from drugs or alcohol;**
- n. Ensure proper medical treatment, including medication administration;**
- o. Respond to building maintenance needs, including making sure showers, toilets and sinks are functioning, and maintaining adequate ventilation, lighting and pest control; and**
- p. Develop and implement a comprehensive language assistance program to provide services to people with limited English proficiency.**

In closing, Judge, all we ask are the basic provisions of health and safety for those incarcerated within the OPP facility. With respect, we ask you to reflect on your own impressions of such a flawed facility as if you yourself have been imprisoned there. We ask you to consider the abject pain and frustration you might experience if you knew a loved one was housed so carelessly. Without a doubt, we live in one of the world's cultural capitals, and most of us are proud beyond measure to call New Orleans our home. Please use the extent of your administrative power to ensure that "culturally-rich" does not translate to "judicially-bereft" in the eyes of our citizens or the international community at large. Thank you for your time.

Humbly,

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Timothy G. Rothberger

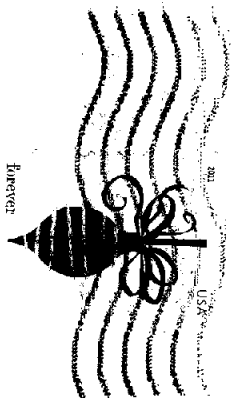
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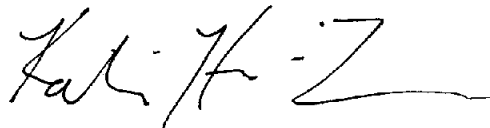
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Honorable Lance Affrick,

I respectfully request, as a resident and voter in New Orleans, that the Consent Decree regarding Orleans Parish Prison be entered into following your hearing on April 1, 2013. As you are aware, conditions in the jail are appalling, including but not limited to insufficient mental/physical health care and undertrained staff. Every citizen, even those convicted of a crime, deserve the basic right to live in safe surroundings. However, it is especially troubling that those not yet found to be innocent or guilty and are facing pending charges are detained in such a dangerous place. Again, please support the Consent Decree and thank you again for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,

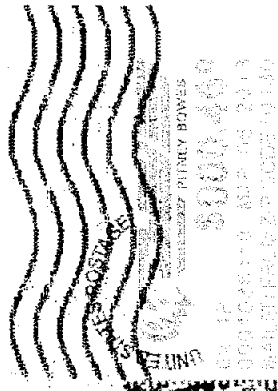
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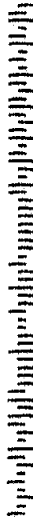
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Dear Judge Affrick,

I am a resident of New Orleans, and am concerned about the horrible conditions in Orleans Parish Prison, particularly those that have died under avoidable circumstances. Sherriff Gusman and Mayor Landrieu continue to elide responsibility for the changes needed at OPP so that those held there are not facing cruel and unusual conditions of confinement.

In my work as the Director of Religious Education at the First Unitarian Universalist Church of New Orleans, I heard many first hand accounts of conditions at OPP. From the lack of clean drinking water, to guards drinking beer, to diabetic healthcare needs being ignored, I was appalled at the conditions of OPP from the holding cells to the longer-term prisoners.

It is for these reasons that I respectfully ask you to please make the sheriff, the mayor, and the city government follow the law and enter into the Consent Decree. As a city we have a responsibility to the health, well-being, and safety of *all* our residents. You have an opportunity to move our city in a direction towards a better New Orleans.

Best,



Lydia Pelot-Hobbs

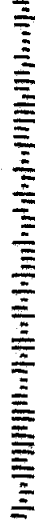
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Judge, I respectfully ask you to please make the sheriff, the mayor, and the city government follow the law and enter into the Consent Decree.

I've worked as an Investigator for indigent clients for the last 6 years. In those 6 years, I've had one client, Jesse Achilles, die of an asthma attack. I've had clients who have told a guard that they were thinking of committing suicide because they were that desperate to get medical attention. Our mentally ill clients need their own floor and special attention.

Please, if we enter the Consent Decree, all of society will benefit.

Sincerely,

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Katie Carter

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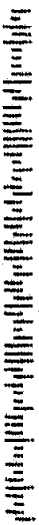
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Honorable Lance Affrick  
Attn: Clerk  
Re: Jones v. Gusman  
500 Poydras  
New Orleans, LA 70130

March 7, 2013

Dear Judge Affrick:

I am a native New Orleanian and current resident of Midcity. I have also been a public interest attorney representing low-income people for almost a decade. I am gravely concerned about the atrocious life-threatening conditions in Orleans Parish Prison (OPP), as evidenced by a prisoner who died there in just the last two weeks.

Sheriff Gusman and Mayor Landrieu continue to blame each other while neither take responsibility for the changes needed to ensure that the people of our city who are being housed in the jail aren't facing unconstitutional life-threatening conditions. These people are our sisters, brothers, mothers, uncles, next-door neighbors, friends and co-workers.

Judge, I respectfully ask you to please order the Sheriff, Mayor, and the city government to follow the law and enter into the Consent Decree.

With warm regards, I am

Very Truly Yours,

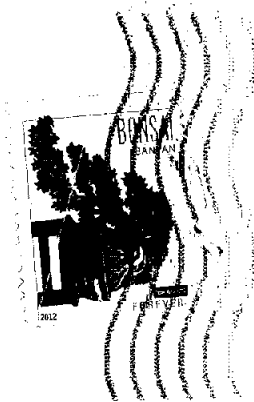


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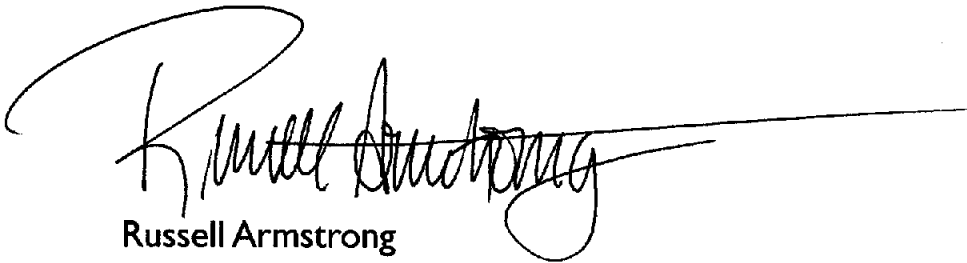
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Judge, I respectfully ask you to please make the sheriff, the mayor, and the city government follow the law and enter into the Consent Decree.

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Honorable Lance Africk  
U.S. Eastern District Court of Louisiana  
500 Poydras Street,  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: Jones v. Gusman  
USDC 12-859, Sec. I

As board members of the Journal of Public Interest Law at Loyola University, we are students of both the U.S. Constitution as well as the history of our great city. We proudly uphold our University's mission of serving the public interest, and in light of that mission and mandate, we wish to express our unwavering support for the Consent Decree. We are disturbed by the fact that the Orleans Parish jail has been operating unconstitutionally for years, and that the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office and the City of New Orleans have not taken the necessary steps to make our city jail safe for the more than 2,000 people who reside in that facility, every day.

News stories in local and national media as well as reports by the Department of Justice have illustrated for years that the unconstitutional practices at the Orleans Parish jail result in terrible injury and even death to people being held there. Our efforts to reconcile these appalling practices and abuses with our academic study of the basic rights and safeties to which the Constitution entitles all people held in jails have proved not only impossible, but deeply embarrassing. As residents of New Orleans and as future lawyers and potentially even future judges and lawmakers, we are disappointed that the leadership of our city has failed to address the dire conditions that have permitted forty people to die in the jail in the past seven years, two of them in the past month alone.

As the Department of Justice has documented, people held at the jail face serious risk of violence, including sexual violence, and grave medical needs frequently go unaddressed. The Department of Justice has also noted the failures of the jail to provide meaningful suicide prevention and other basic mental health services. But the City and the Sheriff's Office have implemented no meaningful reforms at the jail, despite the years of notice the Justice Department has given them.

We are proud to live in New Orleans, and will be proud to practice law here. But as we have learned from our studies, as well as from the articles we edit and publish and the speakers we have presented at our symposia, anyone can find themselves under arrest and in jail, whether or not they have committed a crime. The possibility that we could find ourselves, our friends, family, or our future clients in such a dangerous facility is deeply upsetting. We are convinced that nothing short of this Consent Decree will bring the operation of the Orleans Parish jail in line with the Constitution.

Respectfully,

Kevin D. Micale

Editor-in-Chief, Journal of Public Interest Law

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Re: Proposed consent decree - OPP

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The Honorable Lane Africk



March 8, 2013

Honorable Lance Africk  
U.S. District Court, Eastern District of Louisiana  
500 Poydras Street,  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Re: Jones v. Gusman  
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We are friends of Cayne Miceli, who died in the Orleans Parish jail on January 6, 2009. Cayne Miceli was vibrant, colorful, outgoing, and outspoken. She was full of life. She possessed a sharp wit that she wielded with taste, and with great humor. She had a magical quality that connected her deeply to New Orleans. She was a survivor like the rest of us. We loved her and we continue to mourn her untimely and inexcusable death.

When Cayne arrived at the Orleans Parish jail directly from Tulane's Emergency Room, a doctor ordered an asthma treatment for her at Intake. Throughout her brief stay at the jail, Cayne desperately sought medical treatment for her serious difficulty breathing as well as her intense distress. But through a series of incompetence, negligence, ignorance, and insensitivity, Cayne never received the treatment she deserved.

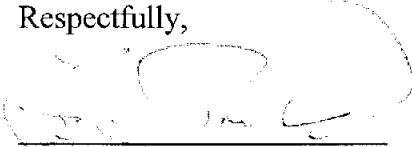
Cayne was killed by a chain of events that involved the failures of both our health care system and our justice system. She needed medical care, not jail. Cayne turned to our broken system for help, and the system killed her. As her friends, we are stunned that our friend was killed by a series of actions and failures that, to us, amount to torture. Knowing that our friend was killed while strapped to a gurney in five point restraints, as Sheriff's Office employees pinned her down while she was drowning in her own lungs and begging for help as she struggled to breathe, will haunt us forever.

From Cayne's terrible experience at the jail, we have learned that the jail is our default system for our city's mentally troubled residents. And that system is failing, terribly. Since Cayne died in 2009, more than twenty people have lost their lives in the jail. The violations of human rights of those held at the jail are widely known. The consequent deaths and permanent disabilities caused by this public institution make all taxpayers participants in these cases of injustice. With each death and each abuse, we too bear blame for our failure to insist that the Sheriff's Office and its employees do their jobs right. Cayne has showed us that until the jail operates constitutionally, nobody is safe. Within hours of going to jail for minor municipal charges, a vital, dynamic person like Cayne can basically be "sentenced" to death in the jail, even though they have never seen a judge, a jury, or an indictment. There is no mercy and no justice.

It's too late now to repair what happened to Cayne. Justice did not exist while she was trapped in the jail. We must live with the fact that our dear, magical, sweet, spiritual, compassionate friend was basically tortured to death in our jail, by people on the public payroll. New Orleans is a city filled with Cayne Micelis: unnoticed, challenged, and traumatized souls who keep things together most of the time and are able both to find joy in life and to make the lives of the rest of us more joyful and stimulating. But when those souls' lungs, hearts and minds can take no more, New Orleans provides no shelter, no bosom into which to retreat and to heal. Instead, far too many people who are struggling,

just like Cayne was, find their way into an unsafe and unconstitutional jail. It is our hope that Cayne's story, and the story of so many others who have died in the jail, will move this court to approve this Consent Decree, so that the terrible fate that befell our beloved friend never happens again in our city, to anyone.

Respectfully,



Eric Pollard,  
Signing on behalf of all listed individuals

M. Bellavia

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Peter Crates

Paul Davey

Floyd Falcon

John "Jack" Flynn

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Friends of Layne Micali  
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We are the leaders of student organizations at Loyola University New Orleans College of Law. In addition to our legal studies, we work to strengthen our members' relationships with New Orleans, a wonderful place to live, work, and study and practice law. Because of our commitment to this city as well as our belief in the importance of honoring the rights granted to all of its residents and visitors by the U.S. Constitution, we wish to voice our strong support for the Consent Decree.

We are deeply concerned about the conditions and practices at the Orleans Parish jail. The Department of Justice as well as many, many news reports have documented the violent, dangerous, unhealthy, and otherwise horrific conditions that more than 2,000 people live in every day. As students of the law, we are deeply disturbed that people at the jail cannot get the basic health and mental health services to which the Constitution entitles them, and that conditions at the jail have claimed the lives of forty people since 2006. Some of our members are also first-generation Americans, and we are concerned about the dire lack of interpretation and translation services available to people at the jail who do not speak English, which further endangers an already vulnerable segment of our community.

Some of our members are student practitioners in the Stuart H. Smith Law Clinic, and currently represent people held at the jail. We feel a responsibility to ensure that those clients as well as our future clients, if they are ever arrested in Orleans Parish, will be held in a constitutionally compliant facility.

We are proud to live in such a dynamic and historic city, and those of us who stay here after graduation will be proud to practice law here. But the unconstitutional conditions at the jail are a blemish on the great name and reputation of our city. And it worries us that our clients, our friends, our family members, and we ourselves, with some bad luck, could find ourselves held in such a dangerous facility. We are glad that the Department of Justice is committed to reforming the jail into a facility that will be safe for all people held there, and it is our hope that this court will approve the proposed Consent Decree for the safety of all residents and visitors to our great city.

Respectfully,



Emily Faye Ratner

Coordinator

National Lawyer's Guild – Loyola

Signing on behalf of all listed individuals and organizations

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Re: Jones v. Gusman, USDC 12-859, Sec. I

Judge Africk:

We write as members of the Loyola University New Orleans College of Law Stuart A. Smith Law Clinic and Center for Social Justice. Together we have many decades of experience with the Orleans Parish Prison (OPP) under the current and prior administrations. Together we have represented thousands of people who have been held in the various jails which make up OPP.

We write in support of the proposed Consent Decree for the Orleans Parish Prison.

The proposed Consent Decree (Document 101-3) represents substantial forward progress in securing basic constitutional rights for the thousands who are kept in the jail at any one time and the tens of thousands of other people who go through the jail each year. Issues of personal safety, health care, sexual abuse, language access, and mental health for men and women of all ages are critical for the protection of the individuals incarcerated at OPP and for their families and for our entire community.

Bringing OPP up to constitutional standards and maintaining it at those levels is in the interest of all of us and we urge you to approve the proposed Consent Decree.

Sincerely,

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Professor William P. Quigley, Director  
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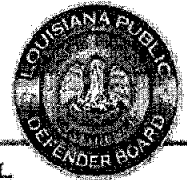
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March 7, 2013

Honorable Lance M. Africk  
Attn: Clerk, *Jones v. Gusman*  
U.S. Eastern District Court, Section I  
500 Poydras Street, Room C405  
New Orleans, LA 70130

Dear Judge Africk:

As you preside over the consent decree agreement between the Orleans Parish Prison and the United States Department of Justice, the Board and staff of LPDB write to encourage you to consider the needs of public defenders, their access to appointed clients and the conditions under which their clients are detained while they await their day in court.

Orleans Parish Prison houses pre-trial indigent detainees who are represented by the Orleans Public Defenders, as well as the 34<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office (St. Bernard Parish) and the 25<sup>th</sup> Judicial District Public Defenders' Office (Plaquemines Parish). For the staff in each of these offices to deliver quality public defense services, they must be provided access to their clients as well as appropriate and confidential meeting space in which to conduct their investigation and develop attorney-client relationships. Unmet or aggravated medical needs, mental health issues, language barriers, and/or gender insensitivities create additional challenges for lawyers obligated to provide effective assistance of counsel.

Particularly for defendants prosecuted in Orleans Parish – many of whom are charged with low-level offenses - excessive workloads create systemic backlogs that cause defendants to languish in jail for far longer than would seem reasonable. Prisoners in Orleans Parish Prison must be housed in safe conditions, particularly when so many face nominal charges for minor crimes, and re-enter the community relatively quickly. Through violence or neglect, inhumane prison conditions threaten the ability of all stakeholders – including judges and prosecutors – to serve the cause of justice.

LPDB and its district public defender offices strive to provide high quality legal advocacy to eligible clients as guaranteed by the state and U.S. Constitutions. All of the clients that we serve are poor; as a result, many are in delicate health, suffer from mental illness (and/or have related substance abuse issues), display limited intellectual capacity, and have inconsistent support systems to address the conditions of their detention – they are precisely the people harmed most by unacceptable prison conditions. Additionally, public defender clients who have English-language deficiencies, identify as LGBTQ, young people, and those who have complications related to their legal residency status almost always suffer more intensely under prison conditions than the general population and need special accommodation.

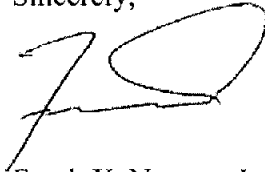
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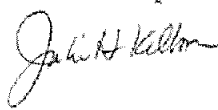
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We are committed to fulfilling our role as part of the effective and efficient administration of justice by providing the meaningful right to counsel, and urge that any consent decree between Orleans Parish Prison and the Department of Justice consider prison conditions in light of meaningful public defense service delivery. It is imperative to the public safety and general welfare of every member in the community that detainees in Orleans Parish Prison are treated with humanity and under conditions that make it possible for our justice system to serve the poor, protect the innocent, keep us safe and spend money wisely.

Sincerely,

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Frank X. Neuner, Jr.  
Chairman

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Julie H. Kilborn  
Interim State Public Defender

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Louisiana Public Defender Board  
re: proposed consent decree - OPP

The Honorable Lance Africk

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MEXES JONES # 002351014 Tent # 5

I'm in agreement with the Consent  
Decree the improvement is needed in Medical  
Care, Mental Health treatment, cleanliness, Fire  
Safety, Violence, immigration holds, classification of  
Prisoners, translation issues, Food treatment, of LGBT  
Inmates, and Sexual Abuse,

Mex Jones

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Mental Health treatment and Housing, LGBT inmates  
Fire HAZARDS, safety HAZARDS facility health  
problems not getting proper assistance from Deputies  
vent system poorly being monitored and cleaned, violence

Morris Joseph TNT-5

Our Ventilation is horrendous, plus our legal  
dept.

EMILE MCCRORY  
#2349801  
TENT 5

1. LIVING CONDITIONS
2. FOOD
3. BATH ROOM AREAS
4. POOR MEDI CARE

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in tent #5.

Tyrone Gordon  
#2331183 Tolt#5

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AS FOR AS THE SHOWERS THE TOLERS THE AIR  
WE BE FREEZING, THERE ARE NATTS FLYING ALL OVER.  
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Darren Lewis

that the Medical is not give me my medical every  
Day

March 5, 2013

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need to be taking place A.S.A.P. This facility  
need to be shut down are taking better  
care of. Medical is poor it took 2 weeks  
to get my arms parts from cuts I've  
had. Stress had been in my mind of the  
dirty there are no fresh air just in plastic  
tents would dust in my system. Action  
Need to be done. I'm look for where to  
file a lawsuit soon as I get out.

Charles Bell Jr.  
Floder # 2350411 Tent 3

Earl Sylvester

Tent 3

Mental Stress - because im being housed around other inmates that's being mistreated & not in there right state of mind.

Cleanliness - Air Filters not being ~~change~~ changed properly. Causing sickness, (laundry not properly being washed).

Medical Care - No proper medical treatment, it takes up to 2-3 weeks to be seen after request has been submitted.

Violence - Inmate violence being instigated by 40 in prisons. Knives being bought from the world an being giving to inmates from officers.

My concerns have been

- \* The security leaves inmates unattended
- \* Medical doesn't respond
- \* Food is questionably served
- \* No ventilation
- \* Court appointed lawyers do NOT seek our best interests.
- \* Water and drainage systems leak to inhabit bugs.
- \* No education services

I have many more complaints. If concerned about any others please contact me from bottom information.

Owen Robinson  
#2344694  
#(504) 6099821  
Text #3

TENT # Joseph M. Rodriguez # 2333231

- The showers are broken. There're 3/5/13  
"2" showers for 80+ inmates. The others are unusable.
- I've seen mentally disable inmates get misuse by  
inmates and deputies. Also, there're leech like creatures  
coming out of the sewage drains. And it smells awful in  
the bathrooms. Even after using cleaning supplies in it!  
Plus, this entire tent is dusty, flity, and stink!

Lee Roy Brown

TNT-p-3

3-5-13

I was receiving mental medication on the streets and upon my arrival here I spoke with the nurse to receive a follow up on my medication but never received a response.

The process is long and out drawn. I been here since 11-16-12 with out any medicine. They need to be more professional and take mental health more serious. Thank you for your time and God Bless...

Adrian G.

Tpn #3 2347604

3/5/13

I, Adrian Godfrey don't like the way this jail don't feed us. Also the ways inmates can't get in touch with their families

Adrian Godfrey

3-5-2013

My name is Ferdinand Rochon and I'm in  
~~in~~ Tent -4 and my concern is that I been in  
here for 2 weeks with ~~one~~ one jumpsuit that I  
have to keep putting back on everytime I take a  
shower, no one has answer my grievences yet. No one  
has given me no soap yet even though I have to borrow  
soap for some one else just to take a shower, We have  
mice running on the floor everyday and they're haven't  
fix our shower yet. They have about 80 inmates in here  
with ONE shower. Please, Please help us with this  
situation. Thank you and may God Bless you.  
It's a shame that I can't even get a pair of shower shoes  
just to get in the shower.

Ferdinand Rochon

P.S. enough is enough  
help us please.



3-5-2013

My name is Manis Matthews IV. I am now waiting in Orleans Parish Prison for my trial date. There are many problems of concern here in this facility. The Deputies are not doing their jobs correctly. When we ask for medical they never call until someone nearly passes out. They are not concerned about our well being. Prescriptions are not filled out on time, and they constantly take money out of your account for services that are not met. Secondly the court system is beyond repair the set-back system that they are doing to us is unreal every time when we go to court mostly we do not get in, and when we do get in they push our trials back 30 to 40 days at a time. And this is done to every inmate about 4 to 5 times before the set them to trial.

My name is Jeremiah Jones I'm housed in Orleans parish  
prison in TNT-4. My issue is that when you get your time  
it takes a very long time for them to get your paperwork  
processed. Then it's even longer to get moved to a D.O.C  
House Center.

Jeremiah Jones  
O.P.P. TNT-4

My name is Kevin Bryant, I am currently locked up in Orleans Parish Prison. I have been here in Tier 4 for 30 days awaiting to go to court.

Since I've been here, 80 plus men are using one operative shower. There has been no sterilization of the shower since I've been here. This matter needs to be address and resolved.

My name is Rodney C Mason, 362-  
-92-8580, I AM a resident of Dallas, TX  
currently incarcerated in @ OPP-~~Unit 4~~ here  
in New Orleans. My concern is that  
there is no law library here  
for inmates. Inmates have to use a  
kite system & wouldn't you know it  
every book requested doesn't exist.

Your Honor there is alot of  
corruption embeded, here the living  
conditions are terrible there are brutal  
reclusive spiders (flesh eaters) & asbestos  
materials everywhere. I will personally be  
in touch with you upon my release.

Respectfully,  
Rodney C Mason 2

TO WHOM IT MAY CONCERN....

MY NAME IS WERASE REED INMATE # 2236198 OF NEW ORLEANS PARISH. THE LIVING CONDITIONS ARE UNLAWFUL!, WE NEVER GO ON THE YARD! MY FAMILY SENT ME MONEY AND PICTURES BUT I NEVER RECEIVED THEM. I'VE BEEN INCARCERATED FOR ~~4~~ FOUR MONTHS NOW. THEY ARE SHORT ON STAFF, THE PHONES ARE BROKEN, THE SHOWER CONDITIONS ARE NASTY! THERE ARE TOO MANY INMATES PACKED IN ONE TENT. YOU HAVE INMATES WHO ARE ON MURDER, RAPE, CAPITAL CHARGES AROUND INMATES WHO ARE ON SIMPLE CHARGES! THEY HAVE GAYS AROUND STRAIGHT, PEOPLE WITH H.I.V AROUND PEOPLE WHO DON'T! WHEN IT'S COURT DAY THEY STUFF 80 PEOPLE IN A 10 BY 10 CELL WAITING TO GO TO COURT! I CAN GO ON AND ON YOUR HONOR HOWEVER I WILL END THIS LETTER BY SAYING THANK YOU FOR YOUR TIME. ONCE AGAIN I AM INMATE WERASE REED # 2346198 I AM CURRENTLY RESIDING IN TENT #2.

Your Honor,

March 5, 2013

My name is, James J. Maloney, I am currently housed in O.P.P. #2327447. I am writing you due to the unsanitary, unsafe & unjust practices of this facility. All the complaints listed & more are undeniably true. I unfortunately been housed in other states that were run far better affording each & every person convicted & not alike with proper medical, food, housing & safety means then are given here in New Orleans Parish Prison. This letter is to impart my beliefs in relations to the lawsuit Jones vs. Gusman. This Consent Degree should be heard and excepted as truth & fact, as well as acted upon for the betterment not only of the facility, the prison, & the institution, but for a learning lesson for those in power, that they ~~do~~ to are not above the law. Every man has the rights to be treated fairly & with respect. Every person has the rights whethered detained or not to live healthy, happy & safe, as every bible teaches & the very letter of the law is written from, Is this not the truth? Then help make history & grant this petition, as well as further people incarcerated a healthier place so they may see their families again.

Sincerely, I am  
James J. Maloney

James J. Maloney  
2327447 / TNT 2  
3000 Perdido Street  
New Orleans, LA 70119

JOHN F. BERTRAND  
FOLDER 2342992

TENT 2

DUST IN CEILING HAVE  
BEEN CLEANED IN YEARS  
FILTERS NEVER CHANGE

TOLINS BROKE 6  
SHOWERS ARE NOT  
WORKING 3

THEY FEEL AIR CONDITIONS  
DON'T COULD PAYS WITH  
FRESHING CONDIN

RATS AND MICE  
RUE RATS AND MICE

IN KILLED ONE

March, 2013

Honorable Judge Attrick,

I am currently detained in Tent #2 of Orleans Parish. Since being here I have seen and witnessed many constitutional violations. For instance, one inmate took sick, needing immediate medical assistance one night. He layed on the floor barely able to speak, in ~~such~~ severe pain, pleading for help. His voice was not heard for several hours. We nearly had to beat down to get this guy medical assistance. And the handling of inmates mail is totally unlawful.

Respectfully Submitted:

s/ Alvin Lee Welch

Alvin Lee Welch #2347075

3000 Perdido St. Tent #2

New Orleans, La. 70119



Your Honor,

My name is Corey Ladd inmate # 2310583. I've been currently incarcerated since Dec 13<sup>th</sup> 2011 by the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office. I was in HOD when it was closed down due to unsanitary practices and placed in the tents which is the same unsanitary living conditions. The bathroom/shower area of the tent #2 in located ~~in~~ is constantly flooded with water that leaks out from the toilets. We have 88 inmates in this one tent with only 2 showers that work and only 3 out of 10 toilets that work. There are miniature slug like creatures that crawl over the bathroom floor which I believe are gnats before they transform. The bathroom constantly smells like urine & feces & mildew due to the leaking toilets. There are currently about 8-10 inmates in this tent that clearly need mental health treatment but do not receive it. When it comes to medical treatment we receive the bare minimum and most of the time less than the bare minimum. I have asthma I've been suffering with since I was a child, its so hard to breathe in these tents because they never change the air filters, there is dust & dirt everywhere on top of the ~~tubal~~ aircondition ~~er~~ blower. They violate federal laws by not giving us our mail nor sending it back to the sender. When its time to go to court, we go at 5:30 am and 60-80 inmates get crammed in a cell created no bigger than for 40 maximum. We sit in there till 2:00 pm roughly 8 hours with no food. It is a traumatic experience that causes most people to take time in court just to not have to go through it. We never go on yard call, I haven't been able to go to the yard since October 2012. This place is horrible when it comes to living conditions and care. I beg of you to assess the problems and use your power to do the right thing for our safety.

Respectfully Submitted,

X Corey Ladd #2310583

3000 Perdido St. - tent #2

New Orleans, LA 70119

Your Honor,

Mar. 5, 2013

My name is John Bertrand, #2342992, TNT 2.3000 Perdido Street, New Orleans, LA 70119. I have been housed in Orleans Parish Prison for over 110 days without ever once going to court. Is this constitutional? This is in response to the lawsuit Jones vs. Lousman. Grant this petition to better the way é lives of us local New Orleansians. Stop the corruption here in Orleans Parish Prison now, please

Sincerely, I am

John F. Bertrand

Troy King  
#23126142

I personally have experienced great prejudice as a result of complaining. I've written up the medical staff for giving up my medical information. I have also written up the security staff because of ~~retaliation~~ retaliatory actions ~~take~~ taken against me for ~~not~~ speaking out against the conditions here at O.P.P. I've been locked up wrong fully, made to wait up to 90 days for medication if given it at all. I've also have been forced to move (3) three times as a result of safety issues. Some thing has to be done to help us here at O.P.P.

Sean Geagan

504-348-8100

504-339-0729

Seangeagan@yahoo.com.

- 1- Mental Health
- 2- Medical Care
- 3- Food
- 4- Classification of Prisoners
- 5- Mistreatment of LGBT Inmates

Kendall Phillips #2341093

Food

Cleanliness

Medical Care

Enrol Cutrios

Medical care

Food

Benjamin Brown SR. #2350554

Cleanliness

Food

Medicai

Elijah Dozier 235 8834

The living conditions

The food

The cleanliness

Medicare

Janus Gregory #2351302

medical care  
mental health treatment  
legal ~~aid~~ aid department  
cleanliness

There is completely a lack of adequate  
medical care, a severe lack of mental  
health treatment, there are inhuman living  
conditions,

3-5-13

To, Whom: It may concern, I DANNIE REZNE,  
CAME TO Jail ON JAN, 1, 2013. I  
didn't receive meds, for seventeen  
days. After i was incarcerated

Thank you  
Dannie Rezne



MARCH 15  
MY NAME IS VERRICK T. BILLS I AM HERE AT 2013  
THIS TIME TO WRITE ABOUT THE CONDITIONS OF  
THE JAIL SYSTEM - THE CONDITIONS OF THIS  
PLACE IS HORRIBLE THE FOOD IS UNDER  
PAR. THIS CAUSES STRESS AND FIGHTS. I AM  
EPILEPTIC BUT HAVE NO MEDICATIONS FOR  
MY CONDITION. THERE ARE ALOT OF PROBLEMS  
BUT ONLY A LITTLE TIME. THANK YOU FOR  
LISTENING.

VERRICK T. BILLS  
408 63 2228 TENT 8

All TABLETS should  
be complete fix  
in THE TEWTS.

TABLES in TEWTS  
should relay  
need to be  
renew.

TEWTS should and  
relay need  
THE food menu  
to be change in  
to different  
VARIETY <sup>TYPE</sup> of food.

By. Tony RAY WILLIAMS  
TEWT - 8

03-05-2013

Forje R. Hudson 2349750 (Tent 8)  
Medical service for those that  
have medical care issues is not  
up to par. Also here in Orleans  
Parish, any person can be arrested  
with out any evidence. How is  
that possible?

March 5, 2013

To Whom!

My name is Brian K. Williams, and I am presently incarcerated in Orleans Parish Prison.

I have several complaints on the running of this jail. <sup>1st</sup> The Officers assigned to monitoring this (Sent 8) I'm housed in, are always leaving their post to do whatever.

<sup>2nd</sup> The medical care is ~~inadequate~~ inadequate, meaning, the health of an inmate is looked upon as being unimportant.

Mr. Brian K. Williams  
#2331377

JOE GRAY # 2350138

Tent # 8

I've been incarcerated for 28 days as of today and haven't been outside for recreation not once. I'm really stressing the point of fresh air because of poor ventilation!!  
Thank you kindly

Joe Gray

Jonathan Honeycutt

Tn + eight

We don't have a lot of food and we be hungry at night they be given us a lit food and they don't want to give us no call back when we suppose to get it when we short of food and we be try'n g to give them respect just like they don't want to give us no respects

### Medical care

~~When~~ We don't get our medical when we suppose to get it ~~we~~ and they be having sick people in here but they be trying to put us on band for no reason so can we have our medical care please before a lot of people get more sick

Melvin Russell

2351551 TENT-8

I HAVE BEEN IN HERE FOR TWO WEEKS HAVING RECEIVING!  
MY MEDICATION.

I DON'T AGREE WITH ANYTHING  
IN THIS JAIL EVERYTHING ABOUT  
IT IS A MISCARAGE OF JUSTICE

Reed E. Johnson Sr  
R 8  
2340232



I feel that the treatment <sup>Mr. Neely</sup> of mental prisoners can be handled better.

H-8  
(Vent)

Hello,

My name is Alvin Trimble 2348360  
TEXT 8, and I'm here on minor MISDEMEANOR  
charges. I WAS TAKEN TO THE EMERGENCY ROOMS  
BEFORE OPP AND A LIST OF MY MEDICATIONS  
AND ILLNESSES WERE SENT WITH ME. UPON  
BOOKING IT WAS NOTICED BUT I HAVE BEEN HERE  
A MONTH AND A WEEK WITHOUT MY HIV,  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE, TUBERCULOSIS AND PAIN  
MEDICINE. MY PROBLEM IS WITH THE MEDICAL  
SYSTEMS

TO J  
(text)

~~Dear Perry~~

Hi, I Deon Perry  
hope They will fix the Showers and  
Sinks. The way they treat us inmates.  
They need to ask more faster to inmates  
with health problems. they need to feed  
us better food and get us in court faster.  
Thank You, I hope to see changes in my  
home town jail.

Treat 8

Richard White  
# 235 0226

I Richard White was beat up by an officer  
in booking on 2-6-13 Can y please into the ~~room~~ Camera  
and see I was beat up for no reason

TNT 7

Richard White  
# 235 0226

3/5/2013

I don't like the air duct and the leak  
in the tent the food the Free men

Melub Dickerson

Clifford Milton

The living conditions are not up to par for one  
where we eat its never clean because the suppose  
come late and its like we are dog in a cage

LEN 8

The living contain

Dan Green Band Number 2351780

Sunday morning man caught a seizure and hit his head on the floor some inmates was trying to get the guard attention he took about 20 minutes to respond. He call somebody on Radio and they took atleast 30 minutes to come see about the man then he caught another one same thing. It said the money they making of use. the living is pitiful in here I prefer no one to come to jail it real said the way they handle things, in life

Sign Dan Green  
Tent 8



● Herbert Robair Tent 8

my issues what this jail is everything  
the way they treat us Feed us and  
clothes us i been in here 2 weeks  
and they only gave me one jumper  
u get one jumper its un sanitary its  
not clean at all i was taking a  
shower the other day and they  
had crabs in the shower another  
older guy was in here wit me  
he had seizure it took them 45 minutes  
to respond the inmates had to help  
~~the~~ him please try to help us.

3-5-13

To who this may concern I Letitia McKee  
would like for the judge's start giving people  
chance's that don't have a bad record like  
me and stop believing women over men and make  
DPP cleared place to live please thank you very  
much for listening.

Darnew Thompson 235 0908 (tent 8)

I was visiting for mardi gras from michigan, I was observing about 15-20 officers arrest a man in front of a STRIP CLUB on Bourbon St. as I was observing the officers told me to leave, as I proceeded to walk away an officer forcefully grabbed my arm. Out of natural reaction I pulled my arm away and said "Sir you cannot do that" after doing so about 5 officers began to converge on me, at that point I pulled out my iPhone in an attempt to video record them. The officers smacked the phone out of my hands and arrested me. I was charged with interfering with police investigation and resisting arrest. I have been in jail for 25 days all for simply watching and pulling out my phone. I have been left behind by my friends so I am going to be broke alone and stranded when I am released. I told the judge the truth but he refused to believe me. my ToB is in jeopardy as is my schooling. The officers of NOPD are not suited to handle the power that comes with the badge.

Paul Johnson  
3/5/13  
Tent 8

We need a good working AC and  
heater units and more than one  
thin blanket

Tent 8

Juan J. Toledano  
#2352175

March 5, 2013

I was locked up here in 2009 and now I'm locked up again in 2013. The conditions have not changed one bit. Two or three rolls of toilet papers for one hundred and up inmates. I'm exposed to violent and injury while waiting to be tried. The condition here is inhuman and worse than any Latin country's prison system.

A. Luffon

THE CONDITIONS ARE HORRIBLE, THE FOOD, BATH ROOMS,  
SECURITY, ALL OF IT IS AND HAS BEEN IN HUMAN FOR  
YEARS! BUT WHAT GETS DONE ABOUT ANY OF THIS,  
PLEASE DO SOMETHING ABOUT THIS SHERIFF ADMINISTRATION.

Tent 8

TNT 8

MY NAME IS DANIEL HOLLER  
I'VE BEEN JAILED HERE TWICE  
BEFORE THIS TIME ONCE IN  
2010 MARCH FOR 90 DAYS IN HOOD  
JULY 11 2012 TO NOVEMBER 14 2012  
AND NOW FEB 8 2013.

IN 2010 I WAS SUBJECT  
TO BEING IN A CELL WITH  
TOILETS THAT WERE OVER FLOWING  
WITH FECES & URINE WITH  
MENTALLY ILL INMATES THROWING  
FECAL MATTER. I WAS ALSO BEAT  
WITH A STICK BY A DEPUTY.  
BECAUSE I'M POOR I COULD NOT  
AFFORD AN LAWYER OR BOND OUT.  
SO EVEN THOUGH THERE WERE  
NO EVIDENCE OR WITNESSES I  
WAS STILL FORCED TO PLEAD  
GUILTY TO BE RELEASED FROM  
DANGEROUS CONDITIONS.

IN 2012 I WAS AGAIN  
THROWN INTO A SUICIDE CELL  
WITH ANOTHER INMATE WHO WAS  
ON DRUGS - THE TOILET WAS NOT  
WORKING AND WE WERE FORCED  
TO STILL USE THE TOILET  
THAT HAD ALREADY HAD FECES IN IT.  
WHEN I TRIED TO EXIT THE CELL  
WHEN THE GATE WAS OPEN I WAS  
PUNCHED IN THE FACE BY DEP. TAYLOR

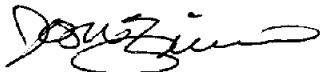
I WAS ALSO PUT IN THE  
SUICIDE CELL WITH MY  
SHOE LACES ON. I WAS  
ALSO STRANGLER SEVERAL  
TIMES BY DEPUTY SYLVESTER  
IN TNT 1. WHEN I'M ARRESTED  
AND TAKEN TO JAIL MOST  
OF THE TIME WITH NO REAL  
PROBABLE CAUSE, I'M SCARED FOR  
MY LIFE! IT DOESN'T STOP  
WITH THE JAIL, THE COURTS  
ARE ALSO GETTING CONVICTION  
ON PEOPLE WHO ARE POOR  
WITH NO EVIDENCE AND NO  
VICTIMS PRESENT, WHICH  
RUINS CHANCES AT A  
DECENT JOB, AND A BETTER  
LIFE.

DANIEL MARK HOLLER  
235 0404 TNT-8



JASON Ernest Zimmermann  
#2348800  
TN#8

Since my<sup>1st</sup> stay in this jail I have been subjected to some of the most unhumane and uncivilized living conditions I have ever seen. Violence, neglect, and Abuse. This jail is unsafe in so many ways its unnumberable. It is so bad that I'm at a loss for words. I hope that one day the conditions are made better. I will be open to testify ~~any~~ against this jail whenever

JASON Zimmermann  
3/5/13 

March 7, 2013

Honorable Lance Affrick  
Clerk  
Attention Jones V. Gusman  
500 Poydras  
New Orleans, LA 70130

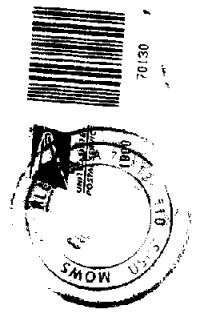
My name is Donald Chopin and I am a volunteer chaplain at Orleans Parish Prison. The inmates in OPP welcome the opportunity to express their grievances and concern to you directly in the enclosed letters.

Sincerely,

Donald Chopin

**From:** Chaplain Donald Chopin  
812 N. Dupre St.  
New Orleans, La.  
70119

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