

CHAPTER 22.

DENVER CITY AND COUNTY JAIL

DENVER INFIRMARY IS NOT USED TO PROVIDE MEDICAL TREATMENT OF INMATES

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This review of Denver's County Jail may become a weekly report with new information as I learn of the actions of the staff of this Jail.

1. Infirmary is not used for medical purposes but for a holding area of inmates that complain too much. When inmates want to voice their complaints they submit a form called a KITE. In Denver this form is used as in other jails except in Denver the inmate is not allowed to keep a copy of his complaint. This way the staff doesn't need to answer these kites (complaint). When there is no paper trail of a complaint the staff can lose the complaint.

2. There are inmates with cancer who have not received any medical treatments for 3 months. It seems Dr. Crum doesn't believe in treating illness since inmates are always lying when they claim to be sick.

3. Inmates were confined 4 men to a cell 24 hour lock down. An 8x10 cell with 4 inmates is cruel and unusually punishment. Three inmates at this altitude in an 8x10 cell cause severer breathing problems much less 4 inmates. This occurred in the Infirmary where treatment of sick inmates is supposed to be treated medically not punished.

4. The Infirmary is also the place beatings are given inmates for breaking the rules or for submitting too many complaints (Kites). Beating can't be given in the general population Pods because there would be too many witnesses. The Infirmary is the right place for beatings because no one will witness this punishment since everyone is in 24 hour lock down.

5. There is one female inmate that has been locked up in this infirmary for three years 24 hour lock down. It takes 15 minutes every morning to give her medication which means lots of medicine. She has had two mistrials and is suppose to be in court this week for her third trial. This means she is still innocent of any charges and has spent three years with a combination of drugs in the Denver Infirmary. I need to be advised who she is and what crime could she have committed to be treated this way.

6. Inmate medical records sent to the jail are lost since the medical staff doesn't want records provided on an inmate they have decided what is wrong with him. Medical records sent from the Denver General Hospital Medical records Dept. should be delivered and not lost to prevent confusion by Doctors treating inmates as they decide to treat them.

7. Inmates are being set up for a false accusation of assault. My friend's medicine has been stopped by some member of the staff. This is done by one of the nurses or guards signing off on his chart that the inmate was given the medicine when the medicine is withheld. This inmate suffers from major pain in his neck and lower back due to past operations to insert metal clamps to correct injuries from a car accident. When he is in enough pain an incident will be staged with the pre-selected witnesses who will report a false event that can cause the inmate additional years in jail. Here again the Infirmary is a perfect location for this false report to be staged. Or maybe he has been sent to the dark side of the Infirmary. I'll save this story for later.

8. To prevent my friend from being injured an attorney went in to visit him with a camera to take pictures of the inmate to prove he had no body bruises after a certain date. The terrorists in Guantanamo Bay are treated better than our inmates in Denver Jail.

9. Very little medical treatment is provided the inmates at the Denver Infirmary just like the Arapahoe County Jail.

10. Just received notice one of my friend's attorneys tried to see him on Sunday and was refused by the Infirmary guards. This means my friend has been black balled and was in for a beating over the weekend.

Major Hickenlooper is this the way you allow your staff to run your jail? I would not thought you would allow thugs to manage the Denver County Jail yet the inmates can't be protected from abuse by your staff even after they have been warned something like this would happen. My friend has to be removed from any supervision by anyone in the Denver County Infirmary for his own safety. Let's see what actions are taken to prevent further damage of beatings and withholding an inmate's medicine which is approved by the entire staff of this Jail system all the way to the Mayor's office.

The next action should come from the Attorney General's Office or a Federal agency.

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