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Fwd: FOIA request

2 messages

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To: Todd Ritter <TRitter@gtsheriff.org>
Cc: Christopher Forsyth <cforsyth@grandtraverse.org>

Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 1:24 PM

Captain Ritter,

Chris asked that I forward Mr. Murie's FOIA request to you so that you could gather the documents he is requesting. Any questions, feel free to contact us.

Thanks, Kathy/PAO

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From: **clifton murie** <cmurie@centurylink.net>
Date: Tue, Apr 3, 2018 at 12:21 PM
Subject: FOIA request
To: kpahl@grandtraverse.org
Cc: clifton murie <cmurie@centurylink.net>

Kathy:

Please provide me with a copy of my MDOC complaint against GT Co. jail dated Nov. 27th, 2017, that was submitted in person for Todd Ritter.

I would also like an opportunity to review all written inmate grievances filed in 2017. I am not requesting copies at this time. I was denied grievance forms repeatedly during my incarceration in 2017 and believe there is a systemic problem with jail staff allowing grievances to be filed.

I believe these matters are in the public interest. Once again, I ask that fees be waived or reduced due to my receipt of public assistance.

Thank you.

Clifton Murie

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DUE BY

4/20

NEED GRIEVANCE
LOG FOR 2017
AND EACH INDIVIDUAL
GRIEVANCE FROM I/M
FILE.

Clifton Murie
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November 27, 2017

Larry Abrahms
Michigan Department of Corrections
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left message w Captain
Ritter on 12-15-17

spoke to Captain Ritter
on 12-20 - unfunded complaint.

Re: Complaint against Grand Traverse County Jail, inmate #68842

I have complaints regarding the housing and treatment I received in the Grand Traverse County Jail this year. I was placed in the "drunk tank" with 12 other inmates. I was told that as many as many as 16 people are housed in this small cell. I allege overcrowding is a regular practice.

I also allege unsanitary conditions. I was in the "drunk tank" for 6 days without access to soap or hot water, without a toothbrush or a change of clothes. It was six days before I was allowed a shower. I was in the cell next to an individual that stated he had been told by the local hospital that he carried MRSA bacteria. Everyone in the cell was subject to the same conditions, although their total time in the cell may have been different.

In the time I was in the drunk-tank no broom or mop was employed. I requested permission to clean the cell several times. I learned from another trustee inmate later that the cell rarely ever is cleaned or mopped. It was done once in the time of my weeks incarceration from April 25 to May 18, 2017. He was the person assigned to mop, I believe he had direct knowledge of this fact.

After day number 2 in the cell, I made several requests to officers for a grievance to be filed due to the refusal/failing to provide for a shower. I was not given a

grievance following any of my 3 separate requests. This is contrary to the jail policy explained in the video provided to work-release inmates. It was my understanding after speaking with other inmates that grievances were not accepted or allowed.

As a sixty-three-year-old individual, I believe that the medical conditions affecting my spine (curvature, spurring and arthritis) should have been recognized and sufficient mattress or mattresses provided to prevent me from suffering unusual hardship. The extended period of time on the floor without any seating aggravated the lack of padding. In order to sleep at all, I was forced to fold my mat in half length-wise and sleep with my back propped against a wall to keep from falling off the now one-foot wide mat. I was never able to sleep for more than three hours before the pain became too great to remain lying down. Often my only relief was to stand or sit on the cell's toilet.

While in the drunk-tank another senior citizen was forced to lie on a single mattress for days. In spite of the fact that he was in obvious distress and could not rise up on his own to accept his medicines. He was eventually given another mattress.

I however remained without adequate padding for my entire time in jail. Even though I had requested to see the nurse and described the medical conditions that necessitated additional padding for my spine. I was given no examination, my doctor was not contacted, my medical concerns were not addressed. I greatly resent being charged for this visit to the nurse. I also resent being charged \$15 for some antiseptic and a band aid to cover an open wound.

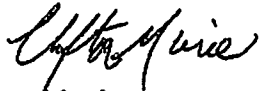
It is also my understanding from inmates that work in the kitchen that the sanitary conditions are not acceptable, that the kitchen has repeatedly failed inspection, and that black mold infests the food's refrigerated storage area. These inspections should be a matter of record.

I came to believe that the flour used was purposefully adulterated with some type of Sulphur compound (salt-peter?). I was told the sacks were marked "for prison use". I believe this flour, used in food stuffs daily, or perhaps soy-based meat

substitutes caused profuse and foul intestinal gasses. I believe any such products should be excluded from the jail diet. I really would like to know if the flour was "special formula".

For all these above reasons I wish to file a complaint against the jail and its staff for failing to provide safe and sanitary conditions and failing to provide for the medical needs of senior citizens. I believe the drunk tank should have a maximum occupancy that is not to be exceeded and that it should be cleaned thoroughly on a more regular basis than once a month.

Sincerely,



Clifton Murie

PS: I shared this letter
with Capt. Ritter @ GTC jail
but have not heard back.

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Complaint#17/28	County # 28	Facility Grand Traverse	Date Received 12/6/2017	Date Closed 12/27/2017
Complainant Last Name Mufrie	Complainant First Name Clifton	Inmate Last Name Mufrie	Inmate First Name Clifton	
Referral Source Letter	Issue Code 6	Assigned To: L.Abraham	Complaint Year: 2017	

Comments
Mr. Murie states that he was held in the "drunk tank" for 6 days without access to a shower. He also claims that the cell was never cleaned while he was there. I spoke to Captain Ritter the Jail Administrator regarding these accusations. Captan Ritter stated that there is actually a shower in the holding cell Mr. Murie was held in and that the cell is cleaned at least every other day if not daily. All other complaints were unfounded. Complaint closed.