

November 19, 2014

Mr. Willie Eagleton, Warden
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RE: Ronald Black--#00170649

Dear Warden Eagleton,

I received your reply to my letter dated October 9th on November 10th.

I have no idea what you are talking about when you state "inmate Black's last complaint was dated October 1, 2014 in reference to Associate Warden McFadden's action toward him on October 9, 2014. You also state that Ron was seen by the doctor and given a follow up appointment. I was told that your institution has no doctors and that you have to be taken outside the institution for proper tests.

From what I understand, Ron has seen no doctor as of last week and he is now coughing up blood and it is also in his stool. Sir, my husband and I have been volunteers with the Department of Corrections in excess of 30 years. We understand there are con artists and have seen quite a few. I feel certain this is not the case in regard to Ron. He only wants to live.

I realize Ron has caused some conflict by requesting that his church, The Seventh Day Adventists, be granted the right to be volunteers at your institution. I realize it probably has been an irritant to have me write on his behalf. Sometimes a person can win the battle but lose the war. In Ron's case he has no family to request intervention. He did not even ask me. He simply told me of the problems he has been having with his health. I asked his permission to write you on his behalf.

If my husband and I were in a position to pay for treatment i.e. Elective Outside Health Care, believe me we would do this. We are both retired, ages 77 and 76 years old. We have children, grandchildren and great-grandchildren. Two of our grandchildren have very serious health problems. They have to be our priority. As I told you in my letter, we lost our beloved first born son to colon cancer.

I still maintain that if SCDC is aware of an illness that could lead to death, they should see that this person receives proper attention. If he is released he is eligible for Medicaid which will care for any medical expenses. I am not requesting that Ron be released. This is not the purpose of my letter.

Sir, there are lawyers who will take a case if they feel there has been neglect and not charge unless they win the case. This is not a threat, only a statement. God forbid Ron's illness should lead to death, for it will cost the Department of Corrections much more than taking him to a facility that could see that he receives proper treatment.

I understand that the nurses at your institution feel that stress is the cause of Ron's discomfort. How can one not have stress if he fears his illness is cancer? What if it is not stress and is cancer? Can one go on just feelings in something that could be this serious?

While I am writing this I am praying that Ron has nothing seriously wrong with him. But severe constipation, coupled with much pain and bleeding is exactly what our son had prior to being diagnosed with colon cancer. He died at age 56. We do not want this to happen in Ron's case.

I am sending a copy of your letter to Ron. I do hope he has documented his concern with appropriate staff. For from what you imply, my request on his behalf is not enough. He told me that he has repeatedly requested, since last June, that he be taken to a doctor.

I wish that all employees of SCDC would treat inmates as human beings. They are God's children who have made mistakes. They deserve a chance to see the outside one day and hopefully become productive citizens.

Sincerely,

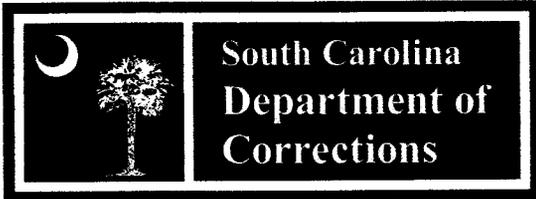


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PS My husband read this letter and said I might be marking Ron by being so firm in my remarks. I apologize if I come across as too direct. I simply want you to hear me sir. Not place this letter in some file to be acted upon at a later date or perhaps not at all. The last thing I want to do is cause Ron harm.

cc: ~~Governor Nikki Haley~~
Senator Mike Fair
Director Bryan P. Stirling
Chaplain Gwen Bright



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11/10/2014

Mrs. Huley A Perry, Jr. (Sherrill)
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RE: Ronald Black SCDC# 170649

Dear Ms. Perry,

This will acknowledge receipt of your letter dated October 20, 2014. It appears that inmate Black last complaint was dated October 1, 2014 in reference to Associate Warden McFadden action toward him on October 9, 2014. Inmate Black was seen by the doctor and given a follow up appointment. There are procedures in place for inmates to communicate to appropriate staff member. Many times inmates utilize family, friends, and volunteers to expedite their concerns when in fact they are being cared for but not to their satisfaction.

Inmates not satisfied with their course of treatment may request through medical an Elective Outside Health Care form. He will be responsible for treatment afforded, travel, and expense of officers. We appreciate your concerns and understanding should inmate Black communicate his concern with appropriate staff his need will be cared for in a timely manner.

Sincerely,


Willie L. Eagleton, Warden
Evans Correctional Institution

WLE: BW

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