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CC: Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.govHaile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov
Date: 10/23/2017 7:08:07 PM
Subject: Human right of inmates

Dear Mr. Stirling,

I thought you were making progress at McCormick but it sounds as though things are deteriorating again.

I have learned that 3 of the 4 dorms have been on lock down for a week due to the actions of a few.

Medicine is not being delivered, meals are not being served regularly, trays are not being picked up resulting in the stench of rotting food, mail is not being delivered and inmates are not being allowed to shower. Not only are these conditions inhumane but they make for a very volatile environment.

I do not need for your office to investigate and then deny that the conditions exist - as Ms. Haile did with regards to inmates being denied water, but I think it would be uncontrollable for me to be aware of this situation and not bring it to your attention. I implore you to investigate and take corrective action.

Respectfully,
Laurie McDermott

-----Original Message-----

From: Dayne Haile (C027588)
To: lfm320
Sent: Mon, Oct 16, 2017 2:08 pm
Subject: FW: Human rights-this can wait until next week

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Ms. McDermott, I would be happy to point you in the right direction if you would like to give me a call to discuss. Thanks.

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From: Laurie Mcdermott [<mailto:lfm320@aol.com>]
Sent: Thursday, October 12, 2017 5:28 PM
To: Dayne Haile (C027588) <Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov>
Cc: Bryan Stirling (C055056) <Stirling.Bryan@doc.sc.gov>

Subject: Re: Human rights

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Good afternoon Mr. Haile,

Thank you for your response.

Your information about the nature of the water restoration is the same as what I am aware of. We understand that problems happen and restoration was done as quickly as possible.

The information about the availability of drinks however is not accurate.

On Saturday (during the boil water advisory) inmates were given meals with drinks (no choice) of which the milk was spoiled.

On Sunday the inmates were locked down the entire day. Only 2 meals are served on Sundays of which they again got spoiled milk for breakfast (no choice).

Dinner was served late on Sunday by the "riot team" because inmates were so upset about the lack of water.

If additional containers of water were placed in each wing as you were advised - they were not accessible to inmates. No one offered additional water and when the inmates banged on the doors to ask for water no one answered.

This is why I brought the situation to the Directors attention.

Is there a policy in place on how to provide water in the event of loss of spicket/drinking water?

If not this event should serve to initiate such a policy.

I would appreciate an answer to that question and the intensions going forward.

Respectfully,

Laurie McDermott

-----Original Message-----

From: Dayne Haile (C027588) <Haile.Dayne@doc.sc.gov>

To: lfm320 <lfm320@aol.com>

Sent: Thu, Oct 12, 2017 1:59 pm

Subject: FW: Human rights

I am in receipt of your October 5, 2017 email regarding your concerns for your son and McCormick Correctional Institution (McCormick CI).

A water main broke Friday evening, September 29, 2017 and was repaired by the McCormick County Water and Sewer, who was responsible authority, by noon on Saturday, September 30, 2017. When the water was restored on September 30th, per the utility company, the institution was placed on a boil water advisory through Monday, October 2, 2017 for everyone's safety to include staff and inmates. During the incident/boil water advisory, each inmate was given a choice of water, juice or milk to drink during each meal. Additionally, containers of water were placed in each wing and inmates were provided with additional water upon request.

I appreciate your email as well as your concern. I hope this response satisfies your inquiry. Should you have any additional questions, please do not hesitate to contact my office.

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From: Laurie McDermott <lfm320@aol.com>

Date: October 5, 2017 at 10:23:23 AM EDT

To: Stirling.Bryan@doc.sc.gov

Subject: Human rights

*** This is an EXTERNAL email. Please do not click on a link or open any attachments unless you are confident it is from a trusted source. ***

Good morning Mr. Stirling,

I am the mother of a first time DUI offender who was sentenced to 18 years and is residing at McCormick Correctional Facility.

When visitations were being routinely canceled we were told by the Department of Corrections that visits are a privilege and not a right.

When windows were covered blocking all natural light we were told that it was for security.

This past weekend, during the third multi day lockdown of the month a water main broke that services McCormick Correctional institute. It was quickly repaired but resulted in non potable water with a boil water restriction in place for 48 hours. Because the facility was on lock down the inmates did not have access to a microwave to boil water. They were given ONE 8oz cup of water and one bag of spoiled milk for each 24 hours.

I think this speaks volumes to the disregard for the well being of inmates in Correctional facilities. Surely there must be some guidelines in place for basic human rights.

Not sure if those in charge are aware of this recent situation but my outreach in the past has been largely ignored so I thought I would bring to your attention.

If you have any advice to offer or could bring to the attention of those in a position to

address I would greatly appreciate it.

Last Week my son told me that things were really getting bad and he was worried .
Guess his observations were spot on based on the recent events that occurred there.

He is bright, articulate and observant. Maybe he could be a resource for helping to address the problems being faced there.

Respectfully ,

Laurie McDermott

Sent from my iPhone