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RE: Constitutional Violations / Seeking Representation for
mentally ill (myself)

Greetings,

I would like to start by introducing myself. My name is Kentwan Lake # 347507. I am currently incarcerated in SCDC, Kershaw Corr. Institution. On 1-7-16 I was placed on Crisis Intervention. Upon arriving to RHU, the cell was filthy, urine on the wall / and writing with paint chippings and other human hair all over the floor. As part of being placed on Crisis Intervention, SCDC Policy states (22.38; 39.2) "Items one may have includes a pair of boxers, and a Security blanket". Note: The temperature outside was 30° below at times for several days while I was on (C.I) without anything. As I entered the Cell I was requesting a security blanket which I was denied by the Mental Health Physician Ms. Gardener for reasons unknown. I located a razor left over in the Cell and demanded a blanket, or told Officer Anderson (on B-1) shift that I would cut myself. Ofc. Anderson stated: "Hey knock yourself out, Psycho", and he laughed. I then cut my arm and began bleeding. Ofc. Anderson then ran from the door and, minutes later came back, opened the flap to the Cell and sprayed me with Pepper Spray. The Spray caused me to choke up, I then swallowed the razor. Ofc. Anderson while spraying me stated "This will calm your Crazy Ass down, you Retard". (Witnesses can attest to this). Minutes later first response was called by Ofc. Anderson and I was taken out of the cell to see a nurse. My vital signs were taken and it indicated high blood pressure. My eyes were then decontaminated. I was never able to wash the Pepper Spray off of my body and was placed back in the same cell which I was sprayed in without the cell being cleaned. All of this is on camera after me cutting myself. It was against Policy to place me back in the cell with the

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chemicals as well as not allowing me to wash the spray off. I was never X-rayed for the Razor at all. I then went on to stand up all night in this Cold Cell with A/c blowing butt naked. I begged for a blanket and was denied. A inmate next to me had requested for the officers to call Mrs. Gardener (mental health) physician, which she allowed him to receive a security blanket. I asked and was denied. This was discrimination. The Cell was freezing, 30° below and I stood up all night due to it being too cold to sit down for 21 hrs resulting in my feet swelling up real bad. Due to me not being allowed to shower the spray off, I incurred permanent rashes on my skin and facial hair lossage (as the result of an allergic reaction to the spray, my facial hair won't grow in certain areas of my face; this is a physical injury. I'm experiencing Panic attacks; Anxiety and seclusion issues, as a result of this experience. Also the Officer D. Miller (on B-1) shift who took me to mental health's office, was there listening to my medical Classification/mental health diagnosis. Upon me arriving off of Crisis Intervention on 1-12-16 back to the dorm I recently left from /where ofc. D. Miller is assigned, I began to experience name calling such as: "There goes crazy man"; "Hey Retard", and "Psycho BoB (off the Simpsons)". Officer D. Miller was stated as having come back and telling inmates: "LAKE Crazy Ass Hell". When I asked him, he blatantly said: "Get your Crazy Ass Out My Face LAKE, you know your Special used to ride that short bus". This has been documented on SCDC Kiosk machine. I have documented everything im stating on paper now, no response has been given yet. The Constitution protects my rights to have my sensitive medical information kept private. Prison officials are only allowed to share this information about me if it is reasonably related to a legitimate penological objective. Gossip is not a legitimate penological objective. Powell v. Schriver, 175 F.3d 107, under this standard courts have said a prison official may not disclose a prisoners psychiatric history without need. My serious medical needs are being exacerbated here at Kershaw. Please help me.

Witnesses to these Allegations/Events: Edward Willis # 299492
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