

The Honorable Nikki R. Haley
Office of the Governor
1205 Pendleton Street
Columbia, South Carolina 29201

Dear Honorable Nikki Hailey

I am writing you concerning some very serious concerns that I have with the corruption at Broad River Institution. I contacted SCDC back in June of this year by letter, which I never received any reply from.....I also made several phone calls. With this letter I am attaching a copy of the letter that I originally sent back in June as well as some important papers that will back up everything that I am telling you. I very clearly recall talking to Maria Leggins right after I came home from the hospital and she came across as being rude and very unconcerned about the matter. First of all my son is Ronald Lyons was serving time at Walden Institute for a none violent crime.....and to make a long story short he was giving a cigarette by another inmate that was laced with something called K2, which caused him to have hallucinations and jump out the window. I don't understand how he ever caught an escape charge on that....why wasn't it looked into. Well, as a result he was transferred to Broad River Institution, and has had nothing but bad things happen to him there. My son is not a violent criminal and he doesn't belong there. On Father's Day my son was in protective custody and a guard opened his cell and allowed another inmate to come in and beat him. Now I find out that on August 1st him and another inmate were jumped by a gang there and by the grace of God my son was fast enough that he ran and jumped a rail to get away from them....the other guy wasn't so lucky, he had his head split open and was stabbed 9 times. My son says the gang now has a price on his head. I have once again made several phone calls concerning this matter and yet no one seems concernedone lady I spoke with, can't remember her name but she told me that unless my son said something to someone inside the prison nothing could or would be done and according to her he had been to mental health several times.....well 1st of all stop and put yourselves in his shoes if you had a guard who opened your cell to allow an inmate to come in and beat you while you were on protective custody would you feel safe talking to anyone?....I know I wouldn't and as for mental health he said no one has come to see him that he has asked several times to be seen so that he could let them know what's going on in there but no one has seen him. I know that my son has to do time for the crimes that he committed, but he should not have to spend it like this. I am begging you please help me have my son moved to statewide protective custody. He doesn't deserve to die. I went to my attorney for advice and he told me to begin by sending certified letters to the top people at SCDC as well as Nikki Hailey and if I did not get any satisfaction there than to start sending certified letters to every newspaper and news channel out there that, I am not going to give up or stop fighting to have

my son moved to a safe location. I am not trying to be rude in anyway and I really hope you don't take it that way. I don't know if you are a parent or not but if you are I hope you can understand how I feel. I had no idea of the crimes my son was committing but once I found out there was a big part of me that was relieved because I felt like with him being in prison that I wouldn't have to worry so much anymore about him getting killed, but I was wrong after finding out about all the corruption behind those prison walls I am very concerned and this has really affected my health. Please , I am begging you get my son out of Broad River Correctional Institute and you also need to look into the fact that someone is bringing in K2 , whatever that is as well as cigarettes at Walden Institution.....my guess would be a member of the staff. I thank you for your time and I pray that you will take this matter seriously and act on it immediately. If you have any questions that you would like to ask me please feel free to call me at 803-267-2804 or 843-917-9053.....or at my job 803-259-1344

Sincerely
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Thursday 4th

Dear Mom,

Hey - I hope this letter makes it to you in a timely manner. I'm writing you to let you know my current situation and I truly pray that you'll take the time to help me. I'm currently on lock-up again. I've been back up here since Monday. I checked in on Protective Custody but truly it's not too much protection to it. As you remember when I was on lock-up up here on Father's Day, Lt. Badger opened the door and let that blood guy beat me. Well Lt. Badger lost his job and these guys up here are calling me a snitch. Some people even say that why what happened Monday actually happened. I can't say for sure but I know if God wasn't present in my life, I'd be dead now. At the end of this letter I'll include names of people who you need to contact at Headquarters. Please do all you can Momma. I mean this with all my heart. I am past scared and I'm definitely not safe here on lock-up either, the previous incident where Lt. Badger allowed that to happen to me is plenty of proof that these people will let me be killed back here. They will open the door and allow stuff to happen and say the inmate had to have a key made out of a tray, and it's actually the CO's who are helping do stuff like this \$ talks. Don't give up, please go to the ends of the World to help me. Also get \$ on your phone please, only can use the phone back here on Tuesday and Thursdays and I don't know if I'll get it then, so be on point, and please write me ALOT. I'm about to explain to you what happened Monday, at least what I'm able to say I saw for sure ---

OK, They moved me to the same room with guy named Chicken who I was on lookout with last time, Long story short he turns out to be a dumb ass and also a due boy, he agrees to cut bars out our room for some of the head Folk Nations guys, I was totally Against it and let it be known. Well Another white guy which is the Folks other due boy helped my roommate cut the bars out, well the next morning Chicken acts like hes gonna tell Miami the head Folk guy that he isnt gonna do the climbing out the window thing since it didnt go down that night. Long Story Short the white guy DJ - Donald Martin comes to my room and ask me to walk up stairs with him because Miami counts us both to tell him what my Roommate told us about him aborting the mission. Well I walk upstairs with DJ and we are talking to Miami and Rhondo - another G, well we tell him whats said an Rhondo walks to the side with DJ and I see Rhondo pull out a lock on a Rope and starts hitting DJ in his head, at same time Miami pulls one out and comes at me, I haul ass and Jump over the rail, thank God I'm Fast, I make it out the door with nearly 50 G's chasing me, Luckily DJ makes it away too, he get stabbed up and Skull cracked open but hes still alive. Hes on lookout now too, I ran up Front and checked in on PC Momma you must get me help, this place is the most corrupt place I've ever seen, Please contact a Lawyer and the Feds please momma. I'm so scared and I mean it.

I worry that these CO's Are gonna Kill me or either Let it happen - Please do something Mamma. Here is A list of people at head quarters - Explain to them that the Folk Nation is AFTER me because I told on them and also because they Found out that I worked with the police on the street -

Brian Sterling - SCDC Director

Mike McCall - Deputy Director Operations

J Scarborough - Director State Classification

Bernard McKie - Regional Director at Headquarters

Dennis Patterson - Deputy Director over Security

Mrs. J Long - SCDC State Classification member over State Wide PC, along with Deputy Director M. McCall, whom makes the Final decision of who gets State Wide PC -

The Folk Nation have been stabbing all week and starting fires in dorms - Its only A matter of time before they make it up here on lockup and take over here too. Please get me help mamma Im so scared Take off work or whatever you have to do - Im not safe -

Please call and do all you can 24 hours per day. Be real nice with people they are the ones we need to help me - Explain I only have A year left and Im not safe here on this Lock up - Id rather go on Super MAX or State Wide PC.

I hope All is well with all of yall Please everyone start writing me everyday. If people get alot of mail and these people know you'll be missed, maybe I'll be safer. Also have everyone calling these people Mamma please please help me. Tell everyone I said Hey And I Love them. I pray I see All of yall again. Please Pray For my Safety!
I Love You Mom and Im sorry Im in this situation and very sorry I wasn't a better son to you. I Love You AND I hope you know this mamma. I'll never forget the way you have Loved me and been the best Mamma in the world. I want you to know I Love YOU MOMMA.

ps I Love YOU MOM

Love Always,

Your Son,

Kanye
West

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PICTURE DATE: 03/17/2016

INMATE SENTENCE AND LOCATION

SCDC ID: 00310014
SID: SC01400113
OFFENDER TYPE: ADULT-STRAIGHT SENTENCE
ADMISSION DATE: 03/17/2016
LOCATION: BROAD RIVER
SECURITY / CUSTODY: 1B / DISCIPLINARY DETENTION
EWC LEVEL:
EEC LEVEL:
PROJECTED RELEASE DATE: 10/18/2017
PROJECTED PAROLE ELIGIBILITY: 05/17/2016
SUP. FURLOUGH ELIGIBILITY: NOT ELIGIBLE

CURRENT OFFENSES

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EARNED WORK CREDITS

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ROOFER	05/05/2016	05/25/2016	PLACED IN ST/SP CUSTODY	2F5

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NO EARNED EDUCATION CREDITS DURING CURRENT INCARCERATION

The mission of the South Carolina Department of Corrections is: Safety--we will protect the public, our employees, and our inmates. Service--we will provide rehabilitation and self-improvement opportunities for inmates. Stewardship--we will promote professional excellence, fiscal responsibility, and self-sufficiency

The South Carolina Department of Corrections protects the citizens by confining offenders in controlled facilities and by providing rehabilitative, self-improvement opportunities to prepare inmates for their re-integration into society.

The employees of the South Carolina Department of Corrections will be seen as a progressive force that works together to ensure the safety of each other, to improve the lives and meet legitimate needs of the inmates, and prepare them for re-entry into society.

June 29, 2016

I am writing you in regards to some serious concerns I have about the behavior of some of the guards at The Broad River Correctional Institution, I hope you don't mind I want to tell you this from the beginning, so that you may get a better understanding of where I am coming from.

My name is Barbara Joanne Lyons, my son, Ronald Lee Lyons, Jr. (#310014) was sentenced to do 40 months at Walden Correctional Institution on a Grand Larceny charge. Ronnie was classified as a MO1B and worked outside the prison as a roofer. I went to visit my son for the 1st time on May 21st. He told me then that he had gotten himself in trouble by smoking a cigarette.....I begged him then not to smoke anymore, but, as a former smoker myself I know it is a very hard habit to kick; anyways on May 26th I was scheduled for a serious surgery and my son promised me he would call me the night before my surgery.....well the call never got made, I was devastated I knew something was wrong and 3 days later I found out I was right something was bad wrong, he got a cigarette from someone and had no idea it had been laced with something called k2.....he said it caused him to have hallucinations, he thought someone was trying to kill him and he jumped out of a window. I will be the first to admit that my son isn't perfect, none of us are and he shouldn't have smoked that cigarette. I do know and believe with all of my heart that my son was not trying to escape.....he worked outside the gates if he wanted to escape I feel quite sure he wouldn't have done it that way. My son has two little boys out here waiting on him to come home. I feel that someone needs to be investigating Walden Institution to find out how all of these things

needs to be investigating Walden Institution to find out how all of these things are getting inside the prison. From what I am hearing there is for sure a breach of security at Walden and so much corruption inside Broad River that it's not funny. I have made phone call on top of phone call, I had the warden himself tell me a bald face lie it's just crazy you don't know who you can trust.

I am begging you please.....I can't go into details because my son asked me not to but please please please have him taking out of Broad River Institution, I can tell you that a guard who is down with the bloods has allowed another inmate to go into my son's cell and beat the crap out of him, his life has been threatened and the statement was made if you let him out on the yard he's a dead man. My son was an informant for the Florence County Narcotics Team, so as you can imagine he has enemies all over the place who are doing time. As a mother who truly loves and cares for her son I am begging you please have him placed in state-wide protective custody.

I appreciate your time and help with resolving this matter. I just want my son to do his time for his crime and be kept safe so he can make it home alive to his family.



The above picture is his family. I am pleading, begging for help to have him moved to somewhere he can safely do his time.

Sincerely

Barbara Joanne Lyons
Concerned Mother

ALAN WILSON
ATTORNEY GENERAL

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July 5, 2016

*MRS.
MACCOW
AT
Broad
River*

Ms. Barbara Joanne Lyons
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Dear Ms. Lyons:

Thank you for contacting the South Carolina Attorney General's Office regarding your concern about your son's situation. Unfortunately, your request to have your son placed in protective custody does not fall within the purview of this office.

This matter is most appropriately handled by the South Carolina Department of Corrections, a cabinet agency of the Governor's Office. They can be contacted using the following information:

South Carolina Department of Corrections
(803) 896-8500
Email: corrections.info@doc.state.sc.us
Website: www.doc.sc.gov

Additionally, you may contact the Office of the Governor if your correspondence with the South Carolina Department of Corrections is unsatisfactory. Here is the contact information for that office:

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(803) 734-2100
www.governor.sc.gov

I hope this information is helpful and that your concerns are quickly addressed.

Respectfully,

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Constituent Services Coordinator

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MRN: AIK354200
FIN: AIK0000118443738

Admit: 5/29/2016
Disch: 5/29/2016
Attending: Anderson,Jonathan MD

Operative Record

DOCUMENT NAME:	Operative Reports
SERVICE DATE/TIME:	5/26/2016 10:57 EDT
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PERFORM INFORMATION:	Anderson,Jonathan MD (5/26/2016 10:57 EDT)
SIGN INFORMATION:	Anderson,Jonathan MD (5/27/2016 07:38 EDT)

Aiken OP Report

DATE OF OPERATION: May 26, 2016

SURGEON: Jonathan Anderson, MD

PREOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES:

1. Stress urinary incontinence.
2. Cystocele.
3. Eroded vaginal mesh.

POSTOPERATIVE DIAGNOSES:

1. Stress urinary incontinence.
2. Cystocele.
3. Eroded vaginal mesh.

PROCEDURE PERFORMED:

1. Cystoscopy.
2. Pubovaginal sling.
3. Removal vaginal mesh.
4. Cystocele repair.

COMPLICATIONS: None.

ANESTHESIA: General.

ESTIMATED BLOOD LOSS: About 200 mL.

SPECIMENS: Include vaginal mesh as well as vaginal mucus.

INDICATIONS FOR PROCEDURE: She is a 50-year-old female with recurrent stress urinary continence, some type of repair in the past with vaginal mesh that has eroded into her anterior vagina over the posterior bladder and it has not eroded into the bladder. She was taken for removal of mesh, cystocele repair and sling. She understands the procedure, risks and benefits, expected outcomes, complications, and agrees to proceed.

PROCEDURE IN DETAIL: After obtaining informed consent, the patient was taken to the operating room. She was given a general anesthetic per the Anesthesia Department. She was placed in the dorsal lithotomy position. She was prepped with Betadine solution and draped appropriately. Periurethral and perivaginal tissues were injected with about 12 mL of 1% lidocaine with epinephrine for hemostasis. Anterior vaginal mucosa incision was made. The incision was carried out laterally Metzenbaum scissors. Cystocele was completely dissected free and endopelvic fascia was opened bilaterally. A space between the pubic bone and

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pubic ramus was created using blunt dissection. The mesh was seen in the anterior vagina, really almost to the cuff which eroded all the way completely through the vagina. The mesh was dissected free by using Metzenbaum scissors and then cut with Mayo scissors. Obviously, this is best more posteriorly left behind, but nothing else into the vagina. The mesh was removed and labeled and sent as vaginal mesh.

Sutures placed in the pubic ramus. A porcine dermis graft was then cut to size, sutured to bone anchors and tied down very snugly over a 16-French Foley catheter. The graft laid very nicely in the proximal urethra and bladder neck. There was no twisting or kinking of the graft. It was sutured in place with 3-0 chromic to prevent any such twisting or kinking.

The perivaginal and periurethral tissues were then reapproximated with interrupted 2-0 Vicryl. This offered an excellent support of the bladder and closure. The redundant vaginal mucosa was then excised. The Foley catheter was removed.

A 22 French rigid ureterscope was passed into the urethra and bladder under direct vision. The urethra was noted to be normal. Upon entering the bladder, good bladder mucosa. No lesions, stones, foreign bodies, no evidence of any injury, trauma, or penetration of the bladder. Both ureteral orifices were effluxing clear urine. The scope was then removed. A 16 French Foley catheter was then replaced. The Foley catheter was placed to gravity drainage. The vaginal mucosa was closed with running 2-0 Vicryl. Offered excellent hemostasis and closure. There was no areas of any bleeding. Vaginal packing of MetroGel was placed. Foley catheter was placed to gravity drainage. She was awakened from anesthesia. She is transferred to recovery room in stable condition. She tolerated the procedure very well.

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