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Your Honor, this is my second letter to you As I also wrote you on 9-23-15 And never recieved Any response. I Am writing you As A Citizen with A Serious complaint of Financial Mismanagement, Fraud And theft In A Program that Is being directed And run by The Dept. of Mental Health. This program I Am referring to Is The Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program, which currently Is located ~~In~~ the Broadriver Corr. facility And the Old Death Row buildings. To be To the point As I Know your time Is Valuable This program Is A Hoax And A Sham. The Money that Is Suppose to be funding this program Is being Misappropriated, defrauded or outright Stolen. This Is being done On All levels both Inside the programs Management team And Also D.M.H. Itself. This Is not An Empty Claim As can easily be seen by you having An Aid look ~~At~~ the Finances of the program. The Programs Only reason for Its Existence Is suppose to be Treatment, yet My first year here 9-4-14 to 9-4-15 I had 51 hours of Treatment or Group therapy, which Averages out to 1 hour A week. I have gathered through Several F.O.I.A. Requests A lot of

The Financial Information that clearly shows money going In All the wrong directions Instead of towards the stated Purpose that the South Carolina legislature Intended It for. There Are No Educational programs period here, So whatever level of Reading Comprehension you were on At Arrival Is where you will stay throughout your time At the S.V.P.T.P. A mentally challenged Individual will never be Able to grasp Anything As they can not spell or even Comprehend small words let Alone words like Cognitive distortion. Your Honor I have written you with this complaint In the Hopes that you would look Into this program. I do have A Federal Civil Complaint In the District Court pertaining to the Conditions of My Confinement please go on P.A.C.E.R.S. My Civil Action # IS 1:15-1612-SB-SVH. This will give you A better View of what Is occurring within The S.V.P.T.P. Crimes on large Scales Are being perpetrated In this program And I do pray that you look Into this. I have enclosed A small list of Issues In My lawsuit And Some of the criminal Activities.

Your Honor Thank you for your Time And Attention

12-15-15

Sincerely Richard Ridgely
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Issues/Criminal Activities In The S.V.P.T.P.

- 1) 50 Hours of Group Therapy/Treatment In 1 year.
- 2) Food Coming From Broad River Corr. Facility IS disrespected by the prisoners prior to it coming To S.V.P.T.P. Razer blades, glass nails And Urine Are Almost Regular occurrences In The food Twice And Coffee. Mrs Beature And Mrs Rhodrick Are Aware of this And have failed to fix the problem. The Recent Incident Involved Apple Juice that had been defecated In And Also With staff that were present saying the same thing They sent For More And got the same Juice In A different Container This Occurred 8-23-15 Sunday last Meal. Staff Present Mr Whetstone, Mr. Jackson, Mrs Vance And A Charge Nurse.

- 3) No Law Library only Access to Westlaw computer for 2 Hours A week.

- 4) The Roof leaks In Both The Congree & Edisto Units.

- 5) Discriminatory Practices on All levels With In The Program.

- 6) Double Bunking even though All Residents have been found by The Courts To be unable To control there Violent Sexual Nature And to pose A threat to others. Watkins Corr Facility has funded To Relieve this but Only Management At Watkins.
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- 7) Mold, Mildew And Asbestos Are present In both Units, As well As the Air Vents Are totally Rusted out, The Outside Vent Covers with Rust Are Just Painted over.

- 8) No Educational or Vocational Classes period.
- 9) Fraud And theft on All levels With In The program, To Include- especially the Management team, Wherever the Money Is going Its Not being Spent Here.
- 10) Punishment Is being Inflicted on All within the program In the Guise of Therapeutic Treatment Also called Behavioral Observation Notes (BON's). You Are punished for having 1 Extra Packet of ~~anything~~ ^{Anything} pass 10 of Any Condiment really. You Are punished for going .50¢ over your spending limit on canteen.
- 11) Staff Can And does disrespect Residents And with do Patient Rights As the legislature excluded those In this program from Mental Health Patient Rights there Really Is no recourse for A person civilly committed In this Program As we have no rights And those under the constitution require A lengthy court battle up Against law firms And with no legal Assistance.

Final Note

These Are Just some of the Issues With In The Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program And I believe that this Is more than worthy of your Attention. The State legislature And the courts believe treatment Is being supplied here but this Is A Cash Cow And It Is being Milked by professionals who care nothing About treating A sex offender only About the Money.

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