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I was Civilly Committed Under Chapter 48, Title 44 South Carolina's Sexually Violent Predator Act (S.V.P.A) In Aiken County by Judge Doyet A. Early III, September 26, 2014 And Subsequently placed In The Custody of South Carolina's Dept. of Mental Health And sent To Broad River Corr. Facility And the Edisto And Congaree Units Which house committee's for The Sexually Violent Predator Treatment Program (S.V.P.T.P.). My Commitment offense was Criminal Sexual Conduct 3rd degree (C.S.C.3) Against A 19 year old Male. Which Is coercive sex And A Non Violent offense, yet only for Chapter 48 Is C.S.C.3 enhanced to Violent, for the Penal Code And Sex offender Registry C.S.C.3 Is Non-Violent In South Carolina.

I was Evaluated by Dr. Gehle August 6 2013 And She did her Report February 21, 2014 Almost 7 month's later And found that In her opinion I met the criteria for Commitment And diagnosed Me with Anti Personality disorder, which 80% of Criminals have And Paraphilia Not otherwise Specified (NOS). A diagnosis That The D.S.M.5 Is clearly stating Is not A Mental Illness or Abnormality. Charles Brooks My lawyer came to see me



August 22nd, 2014 For the first time to tell me we were going to trial August 25, 2014 And that no matter what I would be committed based on Dr. Gebles Report. I did Ask him to Request A continuance And he said It was not going to happen, this was As I explained to him that It had been Over A year since her evaluation And that I had people willing to testify on my behalf And my character, Add to this that we were seeing each other for the first time. At my Commitment Hearing Mr Bogle Assistant Attorney General Told Judge Early that the Average stay was 18 months to 36 months. That was A bold face lie And so Is this whole Treatment Program:

- 1) In 12 months I have had 50 hours of Group Therapy. Compared to other S.V.P. programs like Kansas with 37 hours A week And New York with 600 hours In 6 month Increments this Is A travesty And A Hoax. This Is not A Therapeutic environment And I can honestly say It Is way worse than prisons. I have no Rights here unless staff say I do And No Respect unless you meet the rare staff member's that Also see this place As A fraudulent scam. The Management Which Consists of Mrs Scaturro, Program Director, Mrs Pcholsuk Program Coordinator Mrs Helff And Mrs Prince Run this Program with no care or thought of Treatment As A priority, Money Is The name of the game And with no Oversight money Is being squandered, defrauded And Outright taken In the Auspices of this Treatment Program. This Is literally A cash Cow And



I Am the one ultimately paying for this As I Am being billed 96 grand A year to eat prison food And have less privileges And Rights than I had In prison. This Is not only wrong It Is Morally wrong And Criminal.

- 2) Discrimination Is being Implemented on All levels to Include Racial. Out of the last 50 people Released 6 were black. Out of the last 50 Released All but 3 had either child Molestation or Incest charges. A person with A C.S.C. offense Is not getting out too soon At All. In The last 7 years only 3 people have been Recommended with C.S.C offenses. What do child Molesters or people with Incest learn faster? Reading the history of The S.V.P. Acts from the 30's they were enacted specifically for the child Rapist's And Killers. Yet those who this program release mainly Are those who the D.S.M. says treatment most likely will not help. Add to All this the fact that Race Is A big Issue As far As Jobs, Treatment And disciplinary Action. Recently A Black Man used the phone After lockdown, he was Tocked In his cell for days And loss All of his privileges he had gained. A caucasian man cursed out A A.T. Staff Member As well As several Residents And even threatened some yet he still has All his privileges And All his charges were dropped, even the staff feel this Is or was A racial thing yet they will not speak on It As they Value there Jobs, And the Management runs this place with An Iron hand. On August 24, 2015 we were told



that we can no longer play basketball until After 4 P.M. yet we usually only get About 45 minutes outside After 3 pm period, so who Is this directed At?

My Conditions of Confinement Are way worse than when I was In prison And this Environment Is not conducive to Any Kind of Therapeutic Treatment, Then Add on the discriminatory practices And you have A recipe for disaster And A fraudulent program that people Are Milking for All the Money they can. I Am Asking, "No Begging" that you please look Into this situation And or give Any type of Assistance that you can. This place Is A Crime And As such It should be Investigated.

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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 prisoner's prior to It coming To S.V.P.T.P. Razor blades, glass nails And Urine Are Almost Regular occurrences In The food Juice And Coffee. Mrs Beatturo And Mrs Pholchuk 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 Danced 8-23-15 Sunday last Meal. Staff Present Mr Whetstone, Mr. Jackson, Mrs Nance And A Charge Nurse.
- 3) No Law Library only Access to Westlaw computer for 1 Hour A week.
- 4) The Roof Leaks In Both The Congaree & 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.
- 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~~ 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 db 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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