

Dear,

Committee on Judiciary

Unfortunately, I have been in the Connecticut Correctional system for over 20 years. I am very fond of the protocols and directives. I have recently been at the Cheshire C.I. in Cheshire CT. I was housed at the south 2 unit, cell 251. While there, I first discovered that my cell mate was a full-blown K2 addict. He could not function on a daily basis without the drug. I found out by personal observation that he was not the only inmate in that unit that was heavily strung-out on something called "Waspings." These users had no problem finding the drug in the unit. There are several K2 dealers in each unit of the south and north blocks of Cheshire. Selling and using of K2 is a normal thing there.

There are many staff members at Cheshire who believe that K2 overdoses are funny or a joke. They make lots of facetious comments during "code white" medical situations that are insensitive and mean!! Drug sale and use at Cheshire seems like one big joke.

My personal view is that some staff, including nurses and teachers, are bringing in these drugs for pay. They give Cashapp and Venmo information to certain inmates in exchange for contraband conveyance. The payment transactions are done electronically. Some of these negotiations are done in classroom settings. There is a secret inside group of staff and inmates who conduct illicit business. Any outsider to this secret business is considered a "Snitch" or "Rat."

At cheshire I did not feel safe,
and I felt that I was in an
inviroment where I was an outsider
to secret business. This letter is my
testimony for the Joint Committee on
Judiciary.

Sincerely,

P/S

Please redact any
personal housing location
information.

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