

Joint Committee on Judiciary  
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To Whom it May Concern:

RE: 2025 Conditions of Confinement Report.

I apologize for writing a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, but something I didn't bring up absolutely needs to be addressed by this committee - or at the very least a greater awareness needs to be brought to light of it.

On Wednesday, 20 Aug 25, this facility went on Emergency Lock-down due to another drug overdose. inmate Blackmon died from that overdose. Yet the drugs continue to be distributed - and just yesterday, we went into another Emergency Lock-Down as an inmate in this Adm In in (R-rod) fell-out due to an apparent OD. As he was given a neck brace and stretchered out, the well-practiced staff seemed nonplussed - and it made me think of that message "WE ARE EXPERIENCING HIGHER THAN NORMAL CALL VOLUME" you get when you call customer service EVERY TIME. If the default message is 'higher than normal' - it's the new normal, and adjustments are SEEN to be needed but are not being implemented. Here, people's lives are being lost in a way that should not be possible - yet it's not only happening, it's happening (drug OD's) so often that it has become routine. This should be unacceptable - not shrug-offable.

Again, I apologize for writing a 2<sup>nd</sup> time, but I wanted to ensure this issue is on your Conditions of Confinement Report agenda for review & hopefully resolution. Thank you.

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