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Testimony:

My name is Shanta Perry #241940. I been incarcerated for almost 25 yrs on a 30 yr sentence. Currently I'm being held at Osborne Correctional. I write this message with the hopes of making the medical care within the prison better.

I been writing for the past 8 months about my hernia giving me problems. I was called down to see medical and given a scan that we all know that won't show anything unless you have a fracture or broken bones. 2 weeks later I wrote medical again, because I was having pain again, and was called down 6 weeks later to be seen. The nurse asked me what was wrong and I told her that my hernia was hurting, so the 2 nurses that was on that night had me lay down to check my side. Both nurses told me that they didn't feel nothing and put me in to see the Dr.

I was called down to see the Dr. approximately 3 weeks later and immediately was told by the Dr. that it was my hernia and that she was going to have me scanned again and put me down for surgery. This was in September! Meanwhile I'm suffering pain and bearing with it, because I'm thinking that I was going to be sent out to UConn any day.

I believe b4 Thanksgiving comes, my pain shifts from my side to my stomach and when I press in on my belly button it feels like a spring. I write medical again and was sent down 7 weeks later to see the Dr. The Dr. asks me what's wrong and I tell her my hernia is hurting and she says she wants to see what my chart say about my scan. Unbeknownst to the Dr. I never was called down to get the 2nd scan, so she calls the head nurse and begin arguing with her in front of me about why I never was called down to get scanned for my hernia? The Dr. had me lie down and check my sides and told me she doesn't think that it's my hernia, that she thinks my liver is inflated. She calls the nurse back arguing with her about how the matter seems worst and how within the next 3 weeks she wants me to be tested (scanned).

Here it is going on 5 weeks later and I have yet to be called down to be scanned. It should be noted that the Dr. had me do blood work that day (12-17-25) too and told me that she was going to call me back on 12-19-25 to go over the test, but they have yet to call me down there.

So my mind been all over the place not knowing what is wrong with me. Especially after the Dr. told me that she thinks it's my liver that's giving me the problems that I been having. I had my block officer call down to medical several times trying to get seen because I'm having pain and medical always tell them for me to write a request. I wrote several requests and have yet to be call down for something as serious as my liver, if that is the case.

Medical is very unprofessional here and we shouldn't have to be seen up to 5-6 weeks later after writing sick call.

The 2nd issue I want to make known is how the ombudsman didn't tour J-Basement when he toured Osborn. Several Correctional Officers said that the warden had him tour J-1 and J-2 and told him that maintenance was in J-Basement fixing a leak. This is a leak that comes from J-1 and has our bathroom floor flooded with urine. This issue been going on for approximately 8 months where maintenance come, drains the urine and within 3 days it comes back. It's unsanitary for us to be walking in urine.

Maintenance wasn't even down here when the ombudsman toured the facility. Living in these conditions is unhealthy and unsafe. It really has me thinking why the majority of us stay sick down here in J

Basement.

I seen a little of the preview of the ombudsman's report on the news. The part where it showed dead mice in the kitchen area. That's normal at Osborn! There's times when we eating in the chowhall and see up to 3-4 mice roaming the chowhall. Correctional Officers complain about that secretly amongst themselves, how the mice roams all over their dining area too. Mice would even climb through your cell window at night if u leave it open. We told the previous warden about this numerous times. Osborn knows there's a mice problem and will have our commissary sit down in the commissary room up to 2 weeks b4 we're allowed to get it. We constantly find mice droppings in our bags or the mice done tampered with our food. The commissary supervisors do allow us to get credit, but it's the fact that mice carry diseases and how they allow our food to sit down there for 2 weeks. Their excuse is they wrap the carts up with plastic. That doesn't change the fact that the mice still get into our commissary.

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