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I am an Oregon captive being housed in the CT D.O.C. under the interstate compact agreement. i have been out here since 2019.

Since coming here, I've experienced many issues relating to poor diet, lack of access to sunshine, qualitative medical care, and compromised mental health workers.

Due to the lack of sunshine I am forced to take Vitamin D supplements daily. And the diet is presently so poor that i am now prediabetic with borderline high cholesterol despite maintaining an intensive physical training regime.

Being as the Mental Health dept. here are involved in personal relationships with custody staff, it negates my ability to obtain treatment for PTSD symptoms, effectively denying me care. Nor are there any Mental Health staff of color here, though the majority of captives are of color.

Another big issue is that there is no oversight of custody during their mass searches. It is common practice for personal property to be stolen, destroyed, and lost! There is no accountability here for violations. During one shakedown, almost all my books (at least 50) were stolen and never replaced or paid for—including many with personal notes inside, making them irreplaceable. My fan was also stolen during a shakedown and not replaced.

In addition, I never received photos sent by my loved one after they were reported as being received at the gulag, approved, and distributed to me. Where do all these disappeared items go?

Also, staff repeatedly ignores my requests for water and other accessories necessary for the proper operation of my CPAP machine (which allows me to sleep safely despite my severe sleep apnea) until a loved one complains to the warden.

All of this makes me suspicious that, rather than simply being symptoms of a poorly run operation with no real oversight, these various incidents are acts of retaliation against me for settling a lawsuit against the DOC.

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