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ABOUT YOU (COMPLAINANT INFORMATION)

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ABOUT THE COMPLAINT

COMPLAINT CATEGORY: Governmental Authority (Police and Other Government Agencies)
DATE OF INCIDENT:
LOCATION OF INCIDENT: Jefferson County Sheriff's Jail
ADDRESS OF INCIDENT: 200 Jefferson County Pkwy Golden Colorado
MATTER REPORTED TO ANOTHER AGENCY: Yes
REPORTED TO: FBI, Federal Just Civil Rights Division,
OUTCOME OR RELATED GUIDANCE: Still awaiting
OTHER KNOWN INCIDENTS: Yes
The jail had numerous prison confinement issues that inmates routinely complained about which would be of value to discuss.

ABOUT THE GOVERNMENT ACTOR

AGENCY:JEFFERSON COUNTY SHERIFF DEPARTMENT
TYPE OF AGENCY: Law enforcement agency
OTHER AGENCY TYPE:
CITY OF AGENCY: Golden
COUNTY OF AGENCY: Jefferson

COMPLAINT NARRATIVE

During a stay in prison I experienced numerous prison confinement violations including but not limited to unduly necessary long-term solitary confinement. I ended up in this area after an officer lied about my conduct as well as a long series of events that occurred based on no fault of my own (which included being assaulted by a gang member). After the initial incident where an officer lied about my conduct and a meaningless system of appeals I was found guilty even though the video evidence proved the officer's statement blatantly false. This included his statement of having to "sweep me off my feet" because I was refusing to obey which proved to not have occurred. I was then placed in "the hole" for 10 days, the max term. After this I was placed in the maximum security area rather than the minimum security area.

Less than 24 hours into my stay in the maximum security area three gang members walked into the cell, asked me to request to leave the cell, and then one of the three punched me in the back of the head while I was reading on the
bunk. I responded by leaving the cell and reporting the gang member for assault.

After I reported the incident I was moved throughout several areas of the jail where I was continually harassed and threatened. I ended up being placed in solitary confinement for reasons including "my own safety." I allege that the sheriff's department was attempting to place undue pressure on me for my attempt to fight my case and the previous incident. I allege that these attempts continued throughout nearly the entirety of my stay. I was in solitary confinement during this time alone for around 5-6 months continuously. Additionally, during this time my Fourteenth Amendment rights for due

process of law were undoubtedly broken. As stated in court by a judge the sheriff's office had 1 month to perform a test so as to be able to move forward with the case. Instead, the sheriff's office took over four and a half months to have the test performed. This is an egregious broach of my right to procedural due process of law. I was sitting in solitary confinement during the entirety of this delay. Under Colorado law, keeping someone in solitary confinement beyond 15 days is illegal and considered torture by United Nations human rights laws. Evidence regarding these circumstances should be ample as I was incarcerated during these events which would include jail housing records, extensive complaints through their electronic grievance system, etc.

I hereby certify I am the above listed individual and I have reviewed the preceding information and it is true to the best of my knowledge. I acknowledge that the Colorado Attorney General may share my complaint with others, including the above listed business and/or its agents and seek a response from the business regarding my complaint. I authorize the business and its agents to discuss the details of my complaint with representatives of the Colorado Attorney General's Office.

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As a result, we will review the information contained in your report as part of our work to collect data and identify patterns or practices of unlawful conduct. We cannot respond to every report we receive. If we need further information about your complaint, we will contact you.

What If I Need Help with My Individual Case?

The Attorney General's Office does not have the legal authority to investigate or prosecute your individual case. If you seek a criminal or civil investigation or another remedy for your case on an individual basis, please contact your local law enforcement agency, district attorney's office, the United States Department of Justice, or a private attorney. The Colorado Bar Association provides assistance to people who are seeking attorneys at this website: https://www.cobar.org/Licensed-Lawyer (https://www.cobar.org/Licensed-Lawyer).

We appreciate the time and effort you took in bringing your concerns to our attention. Information from the public is vital in helping us document trends and, when appropriate, pursue investigations and file lawsuits on behalf of the public.

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