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Civil Rights Division
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Thank you for submitting a report to the Civil Rights Division.

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Please save your record number for tracking.

Your record number is: **629291-WHG**

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What to expect

1 We review your report

Our specialists in the Civil Rights Division carefully read every report to identify civil rights violations, spot trends, and determine if we have authority to help with your report.

2 Our specialists determine the next step

We may decide to:
Open an investigation or take some other action within the legal authority of the Justice Department.
Collect more information before we can look into your report.
Recommend another government agency that can properly look into your report. If so, we'll let you know.

In some cases, we may determine that we don't have legal authority to handle your report and will recommend that you seek help from a private lawyer or local legal aid organization.

3 When possible, we will follow up with you

We do our best to let you know about the outcome of our review. However, we may not always be able to provide you with updates because:
We're actively working on an investigation or case related to your report.
We're receiving and actively reviewing many requests at the same time.

If we are able to respond, we will contact you using the contact information you provided in this report. Depending on the type of report, response times can vary. If you need to reach us about your report, please refer to your report number when contacting us. This is how we keep track of your submission.

What you can do next

① Contact local legal aid organizations or a lawyer if you haven't already

Legal aid offices or members of lawyer associations in your state may be able to help you with your issue.
Legal Services Corporation (or Legal Aid Offices), to help you find a legal aid lawyer in your area visit www.lsc.gov/find-legal-aid

② Get help immediately if you are in danger

If you reported an incident where you or someone else has experienced or is still experiencing physical harm or violence, or are in immediate danger, please call 911 and contact the police.

Your submission

Contact

Contact information

Your name

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Email address

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Phone number

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Address

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-
Denver, Colorado 80211

Are you now or have ever been an active duty service member?

No

Primary concern

What is your primary reason for contacting the Civil Rights Division?

Mistreated by police, correctional staff, or inmates

Location

Did this happen while in custody or incarcerated?

Yes

What type of prison or correctional facility?

State/local

Where did this happen?

Organization name
Jefferson County Sheriff Prison

Address
200 Jefferson County Pkwy
-
Golden, Colorado

Personal characteristics

Do you believe any of these personal characteristics influenced why you were treated this way?

Religion

Date

When did this happen?

8/7/2021

Personal description

In your own words, describe what happened

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 event 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 based on the video. 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 had reported the incident I was placed through 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 also 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 attempted continued throughout nearly the entirety of my stay.
I was in solitary confinement during this time alone for around 5-6 months continually. Additionally, during this time my Fourteenth Amendment rights for due process of law were clearly 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 time.
To my knowledge this is a breach of international human rights standards. The UN Nelson Mandela Rules state that keeping someone in solitary confinement for over 15 days is considered torture. This is also a breach of Colorado State law as the abide by the same standards as written into their law.
Evidence regarding these circumstances should be somewhat easy to obtain as I was incarcerated during

these events which would include jail housing records, I filed extensive complaints through their electronic grievance system, the judge's statement is on record, as well as my further person account.