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Re: Dr. Geoffrey Glover Update

To whom it may concern,

The day after Channel 6 news aired Dr. Glover's story, he was moved from general prison population to the medical ward, where he receives no treatment.

Judge Sapir called a special meeting at the beginning of March, in which Judge Charbonnet was also present. He ordered to send Geoffrey into a mental health facility "expeditiously".

Legally this facility, Community Forensic Services, has up until 30 days upon receipt of order to transfer him (Dr. Glover was in prison for more than 120 days before Community Forensic Services ever received an order). His transfer now is based on the evaluating physician's recommendation. Dr. Sarah Deland, the evaluating physician had 3 options, to transfer Dr. Glover in 30 days, in 10 days, or immediately... she chose the 30 day track. This means that until April 2, 2013, Dr. Glover sits in jail without getting treatment.

Erica Lotz, prosecutor for the New Orleans DA, during Sapir's "special" meeting stated that the 121 days that Dr. Glover had already spent in jail without a conviction should count for nothing, considering that he has not had any competency restoration. Therefore, if Mrs. Lotz is representative of the DA's stance, one would conclude that you should be able to keep a mentally ill prisoner jailed indefinitely; convictions and proof are irrelevant and unnecessary. The amendments and constitution were a waste of our fore- fathers' time....I want to know where you received your law degree Mrs. Lotz?

To date Dr. Glover has been incarcerated for approximately 135 days. By law, he can only be imprisoned for a maximum of 180 days for domestic violence had he been convicted. This means that he is now limited to a maximum of 45 days of treatment.

Dr. McConville stated that optimal treatment for Paranoid Schizophrenia is 180 days. Thanks to the Orleans Parish criminal justice system, Dr. Glover has lost the majority of treatment options; and everyday that passes, while elected officials and people who are paid very well to promote mental health in prison remain complacent, Dr. Glover loses another day of opportunity and freedom. I guess in the scheme of things it does not matter, if there is no direct link between you and Dr. Glover. But, the reality is it does matter, because indirect links can be just as costly.

Dr. Glover has had 20-25 years of education. At the young age of 45, he is literally a genius. The quicker he can begin to receive treatment, the greater chances of a positive outcome. If he gets properly treated, being a relatively young man, he can eventually get back to the process of saving lives. As of now he sits in jail trying to configure the molecular structure of plexi-glass... talent wasted.

There were multiple over detention periods involving Geoffrey, which stemmed from what I feel were motivated by Judge Sapir's personal feelings, combined with the sheriff's office having no true motivation to expedite prisoners' release or transfer; especially considering the funds the prison receives per prisoner.

The Community Forensic Services says they have until April 2, 2013 to get him inpatient. They will be required to release him back into society within 30 days secondary to his over detention. This will barely be enough time to try him on one medication and assess the effectiveness, let alone implement an entire treatment program.

This affects all of us, because the mentally ill once released back into society, if they are not your family or friends... they are your neighbors; they are people that you encounter as you and your family perform basic daily functions, going to drug stores, gas stations, etc. The mentally ill contribute largely to society... society is affected just as much by the prison process eating away and imposing strict limitations on treatment options. Physical disabilities affect the individual, mental disabilities affect everyone.

We appoint elected officials to keep us safe, not to promote miscarriage of justice. It is believed by some that all involved are aware of Dr. Glover's extensive jail time for a crime in which he has no conviction, yet no one in this criminal justice system ever attempts to right a wrong. I have been told by many legal and criminal justice personnel that people "getting Lost" in New Orleans jails for years is common place. Are these coincidental errors, or are they intentional?

Community Forensic Services nurse Jackie Toombs said that she has not heard anything in reference to expediting Dr. Glover's transfer, which

leads me to believe that Geoffey is just another warm body filling the Orleans Parish Prison. Marlin Gusman are you trying to line your prison up with criminals or will just any man or woman do?

Sincerely,


Kristal Glover

cc. Marlin Gusman, Sheriff

cc. Samuel Gore, Sheriff Medical Director

cc. Judge Charbonnet, Municipal Court Judge, Interim

cc. Lance Afrik, US District Judge

cc. Mitch Landrieu, Mayor

cc. Dr. John Thompson, Community Forensic Services, Clinical Director

cc. Dr. Monique Attuso, Community Forensic Services, Medical Director

cc. Leon A Cannizaro Jr., District Attorney

cc. Roy Austin Jr., Deputy Assistant, US Dept. of Civil Rights

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