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Righteousness	<p>Dorothy Shepherd Retired Orlando - FBI - Dead Eaten by Gator!</p> <p>George Randolph John Crow Senior Retired Orlando - FBI - Dead</p> <p>We're also a husband and wife that had a son John Randolph Crow Jr and a daughter named Debra Susan Campbell that both of them stole their mother and father's badges and join the Police & FBI illegally why they accepted them.</p> <p>Starting with the Orlando FBI, Sanford PD, Houston PD, Desert Hot Springs PD & Palm Springs PD</p> <p>Deborah Susan Campbell / Moore / Diaz / Crow 68 Impersonator FBI Dead</p> <p>Susan Ellen Moore / Wilkins 56. - Dead Madison Wilkins 8. - Dead Jason Wilkins 55. Dead</p> <p>Gerald Diaz 75 - USMC 2020 Dead This one, his truck his Silverado pickup truck is the one that got burnt on the San Joaquin mountainside that put the red retardant on the mountain for over 2 years he's the owner of that truck!</p> <p>Dorothy Shepherd / Crow / Lovett 93 Retired FBI - Dead Warner Shepherd Dead Bobby Shepherd Retired ACI Prison Dead Ansel Lovett. Dead Terry Lee Campbell 65. Dead Impersonator FBI Randolph John Crow Jr 56 Dead Impersonator FBI</p> <p>Kathleen Crow Dead, beaten to death Ashley Crow. Dead, beaten by their father and raped and torture by their own father. Robbie Crow Dead, Face blown off in the back of Randolph's truck William Abdiel Garza Morrell - Field Medic, Dead Pauly Shore Conner Dead, Head Chopped Off, Both Feet! Holly Conner. Dead, A.I.D.S. Red Montgomery. Dead, Car Wreck, A.I.D.S. Curtis Jackson. Dead, Scrambled Eggs Brains</p>	<p>Christopher Thomas Campbell</p>

Shaquille O'Neal. Dead, car was Chopped in half
Ja rule. Dead
Snoop Dogg. Dead
Kevin Hart Dead
Curtis hunt. - Dead
Robert L. Brewer Ex- FBI SF,CA Dead
The Russ Hotel- Every Resident!
Dean Dennis - Crucifixion
Alfonso Towing. - Dead - Shot throw Heart
John Hilgers. - Dead
Adam Charles Hill. - Dead

All of these are the murderers of South Florida and
the whole United States of America as well as out
here in California where they had their truck burnt up
while they were killing off my family all these people
below this line have been murdered by this family
and none of y'all can get off your ass to do anything
because they paid you all my trillions of dollars that I
had

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Regarding agenda item VIII.1, we at the ACLU of Southern California appreciate that the Sheriff's Department is engaged, as explained in Sheriff Luna's June 12 letter to the Board of Supervisors ("Luna Letter"), in ongoing efforts to come closer to compliance with the Prison Rape Elimination Act (PREA) and its implementing standards. We also applaud the efforts of the Office of the Inspector General to audit and encourage PREA compliance by LASD. However, based on our experiences monitoring jail conditions pursuant to Robertson and other class action settlements and communicating with currently incarcerated people, we are gravely concerned about the breadth of the gap between current Department practices and both the letter and the spirit of PREA. Moreover, certain statements in the Luna Letter heighten our concerns, as explained in more detail below.

All citations below to the "PREA Standards" refer to sections of Title 28 of the Code of Federal Regulations.

Supportive services

Pursuant to PREA Standard 115.53(a), LASD is responsible for providing incarcerated people access to outside victim advocates for emotional support services related to sexual abuse, and specifically for enabling incarcerated people's communication with outside support organizations and agencies "in as confidential a manner as possible." The services currently available are far from adequate to meet the needs of incarcerated survivors. Among other issues, contact with trained counselors is currently available only via phone, and the banks of shared telephones available to incarcerated people afford no privacy for such sensitive conversations.

The nonprofit organization Peace Over Violence (POV) has a robust history of providing support services related to sexual abuse for people incarcerated in Los Angeles County. We share the hope implied in the Luna Letter that LASD or the County will secure funding that allows POV to resume provision of these services in the jails, but the Department's apparent effort to pin blame for the current inadequacy of services on POV, or the expiration of its prior grant, is troubling.

VIII.1 (PREA compliance)

In addition, we are concerned about the availability of Amanda Goad

outside emotional support resources and other PREA-mandated services to incarcerated people who report sexual misconduct by LASD staff. The Office of the PREA Coordinator (OPC) represents that it has no role in responding to PREA allegations against agency staff, but this is problematic when the OPC is the sole LASD entity responsible for and empowered to connect all survivors with support resources. Survivors of sexual misconduct perpetrated by LASD staff are, of course, just as entitled to these resources and services as survivors of sexual misconduct perpetrated by anyone else.

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Placement of transgender people

PREA Standard 115.42(c) requires LASD to determine whether transgender and intersex people will be housed in facilities designated for men or for women on a “case-by-case” basis, and PREA Standard 115.42(e) requires LASD to give “serious consideration” to these individuals’ own views regarding their safety. However, current Department practices have resulted in a strong presumption that all transfeminine people will be placed in the K6G modules of “Men’s” Central Jail together with gay and bisexual men, even when the women are deeply uncomfortable with being incarcerated among men, and even when they have taken extensive legal, social, and/or medical steps to advance their gender transition. Many transgender women in the K6G dorms have reported enduring extensive unwanted male attention and safety threats, compounded by inadequate staff supervision and a dearth of programming opportunities. There is a stark disconnect between what our office hears from transfeminine people at Central Jail and LASD’s reporting of very small numbers of substantiated PREA complaints, indicating that members of this community do not currently feel comfortable reporting their experiences through LASD’s formal PREA processes, and/or that LASD’s current mechanisms for investigating and resolving complaints are not effective.

While the Gender Identity Review Board (GIRB) process theoretically provides an opportunity for transgender women (and nonbinary people assigned male at birth) to at least opt out of their presumptive placement in K6G units at Central Jail, incarcerated transgender people commonly do not have access to timely, accurate information about the GIRB process or about the placement options purportedly available to them, meaning that other options are effectively not available to them at all. In addition, the lack of privacy available to transgender women in the K6G dorms’ showers runs afoul of PREA Standards 115.15(d) and 115.42(f).

The GIRB process also has suffered from structural deficiencies, including a lack of clarity as to what factors are and are not appropriate for consideration in evaluating a transfer request, combined with a lack of documentation as to what previous decisions have been reached and why, as well as a shortage of

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cultural competency in working with transgender people among some of the participants. We do appreciate recent efforts by Commander Tania Plunkett, LGBTQ Community Liaison Sergeant Keith Ho, and others (in consultation with LASD stakeholders, the OIG, and ACLU SoCal) to improve the GIRB process, and encourage LASD to accelerate progress on this work.

Finally, the reference in the Luna Letter to GIRB meetings as addressing “transgender-female movement to female housing” is deeply concerning because it elides the existence and housing needs of transgender men, not to mention nonbinary people and intersex people. The omission reflects a broader pattern of failure to address or even acknowledge the needs of these populations. LASD currently has no plan or mechanism for safely placing transgender men with other men, and thus is effectively assigning all of them to facilities designated for women based on anatomy alone, in violation of PREA Standards 115.42(c) and (e). Moreover, given that California has formally recognized nonbinary gender identity since 2018 and increasing numbers of Californians identify as nonbinary, LASD’s vulnerability screening instruments, classification and placement protocols, staff training curricula, and other policies and procedures need to take into account the presence of nonbinary people, as well as intersex people, in the custody population.

Ultimately, the Department must make case-by-case, individualized placement decisions as to every transgender or intersex person in its custody, not just for transgender women, and whether or not a protective designated unit is one of the available placements.

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Strip searches

LASD has a policy of indiscriminately strip-searching incarcerated people whenever they go to or return from recreational time, or enter the facility. Often LASD deputies conduct these searches of all persons, without any indication that contraband may be present. Deputies often require people they are searching to strip down naked, squat and spread their buttocks, with no privacy, and in front of numerous other incarcerated people and LASD staff. These strip searches are extremely invasive, and create opportunities for PREA violations. We have received numerous complaints from people who experienced these strip searches as humiliating and dehumanizing and who also noted that deputies sometimes then make sexually explicit comments about the naked bodies of the persons whom they are strip-searching. Unnecessary strip searches, or strip searches conducted without attention to the privacy rights of incarcerated people, may constitute impermissible voyeurism, which is a form of sexual abuse by a staff member, pursuant to PREA Standard 115.6: "Voyeurism by a staff member, contractor, or volunteer means an invasion of privacy of an inmate, detainee, or resident by staff for reasons unrelated to official duties, such as;... requiring an inmate to expose [their] buttocks, genitals, or breasts..." Strip searches performed "in a manner designed to demean and humiliate" an incarcerated person can also constitute sexual harassment. *Calhoun v. DeTella*, 319 F.3d 936, 940 (2003). As LASD strives to "institutionalize the PREA standards," we urge particular attention to improving search practices so as to avoid search-related sexual harassment and voyeurism and reduce trauma to the incarcerated population.

Conclusion

Taking steps to improve sexual safety within the jails is necessary harm reduction, even as we collectively strive to protect people from inherently violent and coercive jail environments through alternatives to incarceration. Thus, we appreciate the opportunity to comment on the status of PREA Compliance in the LASD Custody Division, as well as the work of the Office of the Inspector General to audit and foster PREA compliance in the Department. Given the serious problems we continue to hear about through our monitoring work, ACLU SoCal urges LASD to

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intensify its PREA compliance efforts, particularly in the areas of survivor support services, search practices, and placement of transgender people.

The 20% addition to base compensation for Dentist : for the Retention and /recruitment

Given what the Dentist at CHS must go thru on a daily basis, with treating inmates, of mental instability as well as possible physical violence, we must put up with, leaking pipes in various locations of the facilities we work in: Sterilization rooms, Common access hallways . even operatories . God knows what's leaking: regular water or brown sewer water, These are NOT typical working conditions for professionals So in summary, we are only asking for parity w/ the other professionals that have received the increases.

Dr. Norman Chow

Jail bonus for the dentists in Correctional Health Services

Dentists in CHS were excluded from receiving the bonus where all other health personnel in Correctional Health Services have been receiving this bonus since May of 2023. Dentists are the only health care providers in CHS that perform surgeries daily under difficult conditions and should receive this bonus retroactively just like all other health care providers. Dental care is vital to overall health of justice involved people in custody and should not be ignored or taken lightly. Thank you for your support.

jail bonus for Dentists now!	Please support the jail bonus for the 8 dentists in Correctional Health Services. These hard working, understaffed providers should be entitled to the same bonus currently received by all other health care personnel in jails. They should not be excluded or discriminated against, they play a very important role in the health of the patients in custody.	
Jail bonus for CHS dentists	Please support the jail bonus for CHS dentists. Thank you	
Previously discussed: OIG's reluctance to supply the COC with information	With the OIG reluctant to give information to the COC because of a potential criminal charge against Mr. Huntsman--I ask: is the OIG's mission to serve the community by providing transparency and accountability for the LASD, or to protect it's employees? It seems the OIG has elevated its own employees above the public it's meant to serve. If the OIG is drawing such lines in the sand, it seems territorial... as a member of the community, I wish our public-serving oversight agencies were more united in their efforts. I applaud the COC and SBC for uniting.	Stacey
20% bonus pay for DHS Dentist	<p>I am a Dentist and have worked in the L.A. Jail system for 27 years. The Dental Department is under the Administration of the Department of Health Services (DHS). Working with the Sheriff's Department and DHS is a privilege that I have much respect for. The Dental departments new DHS contract is important for our department as with other departments which were recently honored with a 20% pay bonus. The Dental Department work's diligently to provide the best dental care and mental health compassion for our patients. This is particularly important in some jail facilities where mental health patients are housed. Every L.A. County jail facility has a Dental clinic where there is one Dentist and one Dental Assistant. Men's Central Jail has double the staff due to size of the inmate population. Except for financial duties, each dental staff team member has to provide the same duties as outside community Dental clinics with MANY more staff members. Each DHS staff member wears many hats.</p> <p>The DHS Dental Clinics are unique in that each provides a specialty care unlike any other Specialty in DHS. Our teams provide more surgical procedures than the average community Dental clinics. We follow the community standards and some beyond. Our clinics are routinely evaluated by the D.O.J and other government agencies. We are trained in following the strict guidelines for sterilization, equipment uses, documentation and emergency preparedness beyond the community standards.</p>	Robert

Our DHS Dental teams provide patient care for a population where some have a higher-risk conditions than the general population. We treat patients with oral problems by being inches from their mouth. Even with a mask we can still contract a serious contagious infection. Also administering oral anesthetic with large gauge needles orally in a sometimes-non-compliant mental health patient requires a very special skill set.

I understand a decision was made not to include the Dental Department in a well-deserved 20% bonus for retention and recruitment. I feel this decision expresses a lack of appreciation and understanding of all our Dental teams which work tirelessly and diligently to perform our duties.

Most county representatives have been to County DHS facilities but not the Dental Clinics. I feel the dental clinics are out of first site when representatives visit jail facilities. Maybe one day that will, change so the Dental department will be given the same honor, credit and appreciation as our other sister departments who received a 20% pay bonus.

Thank you for your time and understanding,

DHS Dentist