



Written Public Comment

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What is your name?

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The CERT Team:

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Targeted Retaliation:

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The Grey Keys and the Silent Cells: A Salt Lake

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Correctional Health Services during its next meeting, specifically eight suicides and 10 drug-related deaths that occurred in 2025

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you," he told me, his voice carrying a gravity that made the fluorescent lights seem dimmer. "Because once you do, you're going to regret it. I hold the key to the Aryan Brotherhood."

The Ghost in the Tier:

A few days later, the warning took on a physical shape. I watched the Salt Lake County Jail MCERT Team the heavy hitters descend on a top-tier cell. They had jammed a metal bar into the door to keep it pried open just enough. Through the gap, I saw the strobe-like flashes of light and the rhythmic, straining pull of a rope.

Five minutes later, the door swung wide. They emerged carrying a body. It was a Hispanic man, stripped of his clothing and his dignity, his limbs swinging with the unmistakable looseness of the dead. He was gone, carried out of a cell that was supposed to be a place of holding, not a tomb.

The cruelty wasn't always physical, though. Sometimes it was just a casual remark from a guard to the section: "I know most of you don't get along, and we like that you aren't fighting. But if you feel like hanging yourself, please let me know so I don't have to do too much paperwork."

What the practice is CERT or MCERT is a Homicide that looks like a Suicide. Here are a few examples from the current inmate deaths.

(Manner of Death)

2026-002 1/12/2026 Los Angeles MCJ 2300 - Cell H M 26 Pre-Sentenced Pending Final Autopsy Report Pending Final Autopsy Report (Homicide) - I know the inmate and can identify the body

2025-007 2/2/2025 Los Angeles MCJ 3300 - Cell B M 40 Partially Sentenced Suicide Sharp Force Injuries Of Neck (Homicide)

2025-016 4/3/2025 Los Angeles LAGMC MICU - Medical Intensive Care Unit H M 33 Sentenced Suicide Hanging (Homicide)

2025-019 5/6/2025 Los Angeles LAGMC CCU -

Comfort Care Unit W M 23 Pre-Sentenced
Suicide Sequelae Of Hanging (Homicide)

2025-023 6/18/2025 Los Angeles LAGMC ICU –
Intensive Care Unit W F 47 Pre-Sentenced
Suicide Hanging (Homicide)

2025-035 8/25/2025 Los Angeles TTCF M322 -
Cell W M 82 Sentenced Suicide Asphyxia
(Homicide)

2025-041 11/7/2025 Los Angeles CRDF 1300 -
Cell A M 45 Sentenced Suicide Ligature Hanging
(Homicide)

2024-002 1/11/2024 Los Angeles LAGMC ICU -
Intensive Care Unit - Open Ward O M 37
Sentenced Suicide Anoxic Encephalopathy
(Homicide)

2024-016 7/11/2024 Los Angeles IRC 231 -
Dayroom H M 64 Pre-Sentenced Suicide
Hanging (Homicide)

2023-001 1/10/2023 Los Angeles NCCF
Common Area - Hallway W M 49 Pre-Sentenced
Suicide Multiple Blunt Force Injuries (Homicide)

2023-031 8/29/2023 Los Angeles MCJ 7200 -
Cell H M 40 Pre-Sentenced Could not be
determined Undetermined (Homicide)
Trying this in ODR also.

Seeking Accountability for What I Have Witnessed

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Racial profiling/excessive force incident by
Brady listed Deputy

I want to address a racial profiling/excessive force incident involving what I have found to be a Brady listed deputy who made unexpected contact with me in my driveway for alleged illegal tint and ended up punching me in my face while not resisting and then threatening me with death un armed and afraid in front of my house resulting in me being in jail for 5 days missing veterans day and later finding out that I was charged with attempt to remove a firearm from a peace officer and assault and obstruction and assault, later when I called to file a complaint with the watch commander who told me I should have been tased instead of punched because it looked like I was about to resist

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