

LA County Jail Conditions

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In-Custody Deaths

“He kept calling out and calling
out”

2021: 55

2022: 42

2023: 13 deaths in 18 weeks

Visual Body Cavity Searches

“Sexual harassment”
“Degrading” “humiliating”
“Laughing at my genitalia”

Routine and frequent, often in
groups

Opportunities for sexual
harassment, abuse

Barrier to recreation, court

HOH in TTCF

John M.'s story

Water off for 5 days, toilet overflow not cleaned for a couple days.

No shower for more than two weeks.

“I don’t like it when they have our food sitting out for hours. It’s ice cold, we’re given no utensils to eat with - nothing. I’ve to lick mine like a dog.”

Hernia pain, but “you’re not on my list today.”

MOH in MCJ

Bobby's story

IRC holding cell: > 12 hrs, broken toilet

Moved to MOH in MCJ

- Slept on the floor
 - No medication - anxiety & suboxone
 - Agitated, can't sleep, sweaty, restless
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Gevork's story

According to sister, Gina

IRC 6/14/2022 - Assault, broken neck

“Exceptionally traumatic, not only for him but for my family too.”

“I became unwell, with sleepless nights, and vivid nightmares still not escaping my thoughts.”

Isolation, no access to sunlight, only offer of 6:00 am recreation.

Police - “at least now he will get the help he needs.”
