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# FCI EDGEFIELD SATELLITE CAMP (SOUTH CAROLINA)

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## SUMMARY OF ALLEGATIONS

The Edgefield Satellite Camp continues to operate in systemic crisis, with escalating testimony from staff, incarcerated individuals, and family members. Reports now include deliberate retaliation through mail withholding, prolonged commissary closures leaving individuals without food and hygiene access for over six weeks, and denial of basic drinking cups at chow, compounding existing sanitation and health emergencies.

Individuals remain forced to drink and bathe in black, sewage-smelling water, while refrigeration failures contribute to spoiled food being served. Medical care remains absent, with no physician assistant on staff, no responses to sick call requests, and untreated conditions. Dorms are infested with black mold; staff wear masks, while incarcerated people breathe contaminated air around the clock. Fire safety systems remain broken, with missing alarms and extinguishers.

Communication is increasingly restricted: phones are limited to just two per dorm of 120+ individuals, mail is reportedly withheld as retaliation against families who filed complaints, and commissary shutdowns have stripped even hygiene basics. Some individuals are being held past scheduled release dates due to failures in processing halfway house placements. Families describe retaliation as a clear response to advocacy and complaints to the Office of the Inspector General (OIG).

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## KEY ALLEGATION & VIOLATION TABLE

Category	Description	Violation(s) Cited
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Contaminated Water	Black, foul-smelling water; unsafe for drinking or bathing	EPA Safe Drinking Water Act; 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2)
Food & Commissary Deprivation	Commissary closed 6+ weeks, no hygiene access, minimal food portions; sack meals only; expired food served	8th Amendment; P.S. 4700.06 Food Service Manual; P.S. 6031.04 Nutritional Standards
Denial of Drinking Cups	Not enough cups at chow; individuals denied ability to hydrate	P.S. 4700.06; Eighth Amendment duty of care
Medical Neglect	No PA on staff; sick calls unanswered; untreated conditions	P.S. 6031.04; 28 C.F.R. § 549.10
Black Mold Exposure	Inmates housed in mold-infested dorms; staff wear masks, incarcerated individuals not provided protection	P.S. 3420.12, Ch. 6; OSHA sanitation standards
Fire Safety Hazards	Broken alarms, missing extinguishers, no posted evacuation plans	P.S. 3420.12, Ch. 6; OSHA fire code
Communication Denial	Only 2 working phones per 120+ inmates; mail withheld as retaliation; OIG	P.S. 5264.08; 28 C.F.R. § 540.100; First Amendment protections

complaints lead to  
targeting

Group Punishment                      Collective loss of visitation, P.S. 3420.12, Ch. 7  
   commissary, recreation for  
   minor infractions

Release Delays                      Halfway house placements      Due process violations;  
   not processed; individuals      P.S. 3420.12, Ch. 5  
   held past release dates

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## DIRECT QUOTES FROM INSIDE & FAMILY

- “There’s black water coming out of the sinks. It smells like sewage.” — Staff
  - “The fridge in the dorm is broken and they keep serving expired meat. Everyone’s sick and scared to eat.”
  - “They got two phones for the whole dorm. If someone’s on the phone too long, it gets unplugged or breaks. You go a week without calling home.”
  - “I mailed three letters from the kids, and he hasn’t gotten a single one. It’s been over three weeks. I think they’re doing it because I reported a case manager to the OIG.” — Family Testimony
  - “They haven’t had commissary in six weeks. Not even hygiene. They keep extending it, and now they’re feeding them next to nothing.” — Family Testimony
  - “They don’t even have enough cups in chow. If you’re called last, you might not get a cup to drink with.” — Family Testimony
  - “I’ve been ready for release but they refuse to process my halfway house. I’m stuck here with no timeline.”
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## OVERSIGHT DEMANDS

1. Immediate EPA inspection of water systems; full replacement of unsafe plumbing and immediate provision of bottled water.
2. Emergency commissary access: Restore food and hygiene purchases; investigate prolonged closures.
3. Food service audit: Ensure safe, adequate portions; prohibit reliance on sack-only meals.
4. Mail investigation: Review retaliation claims; guarantee timely mail delivery as required by policy.
5. Medical staffing: Immediate assignment of physician assistant and resolution of unanswered sick calls.
6. Mold remediation: Relocate individuals until dorms are habitable; require independent EPA/OSHA consultation.
7. Fire safety compliance: Install alarms, extinguishers, exit signage, and conduct mandatory drills.
8. Communication restoration: Expand phone access; enforce mail protections; investigate retaliation linked to OIG complaints.
9. Release processing audit: Review all delayed halfway house placements and release schedules; hold staff accountable.
10. Independent oversight: OIG and external review of staff misconduct, retaliation, and systemic collapse at Edgefield.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

**Category**

**Description**

**Violation(s) Cited**

Contaminated Water	Black, foul-smelling water from sinks; inconsistent bottled water access	EPA Safe Drinking Water Act; 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2)
Power & Refrigeration Failures	Spoiled and expired food being served; broken cooling systems	PS 3420.12 (Food Service); OSHA food & HVAC standards
Medical Neglect	No PA on staff; unanswered sick calls	PS 6031.04; 28 C.F.R. § 549.10
Black Mold Exposure	Mold-infested dorms; staff wear masks, inmates unprotected	PS 3420.12 (Environmental Health); Legal Resource Guide Ch. 6
Fire Safety Hazards	Broken alarms, missing extinguishers, no evacuation plans	PS 3420.12; OSHA fire safety codes
Communication Denial	Only 2 working phones for 120+ inmates	PS 5264.08; 28 C.F.R. § 540.100
Group Punishment	Whole dorms punished — visitation, rec, commissary revoked	PS 3420.12; 28 C.F.R. Part 541
Food Violations	Expired, nutritionally inadequate food; no refrigeration	PS 4700.06; PS 3420.12

Recreation Denial	Weeks without outdoor or structured rec time	PS 3420.12 (Inmate Programs)
Overcrowding & Plumbing	Inadequate toilets/showers; decayed infrastructure	PS 3420.12
Release Date Delays	Halfway house placements not processed; inmates held past dates	18 U.S.C. § 3624(c); PS 7320.01; due process protections

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#### Direct Quotes from Inside

- “There’s black water coming out of the sinks. It smells like sewage.”
  - “The fridge in the dorm is broken and they keep serving expired meat. Everyone’s sick and scared to eat.”
  - “They got two phones for the whole dorm. You go a week without calling home.”
  - “They wear masks when they come in here, but we’re forced to breathe this black mold 24/7.”
  - “I’ve been ready for release but they refuse to process my halfway house. I’m stuck here with no timeline.”
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#### Oversight Demands

1. EPA inspection of water systems and immediate public release of test results; replacement of unsafe plumbing.

2. Emergency HVAC and refrigeration repairs to restore safe food storage and meals.
  3. Certified mold remediation and relocation of individuals from contaminated dorms.
  4. Full fire safety inspection and immediate installation of alarms, extinguishers, and posted evacuation plans.
  5. Expanded phone access and prohibition of unplugging phones as discipline.
  6. Ban on group punishment — restore visitation, commissary, and recreation access.
  7. Independent review of release delays with mandatory written timelines for halfway house placement.
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## FCI Leavenworth (KS)

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### Summary of Allegations

Family members and incarcerated individuals report severe sanitation and environmental health violations at FCI Leavenworth. Evidence includes phone evidence (Aug. 13–14, 2025) documenting overflowing toilets with feces in the water, lack of functioning bathrooms for multiple days, and staff instructing residents to clean with only hot water and minimal disinfectant. Reports further describe a lockdown ongoing since July 25th after a staff assault, coupled with long-term commissary deprivation, rodent infestations, black mold, and brown/contaminated drinking water.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

**Allegation**

**Policy / Legal Standard Violated**

Overflowing toilets and sewage exposure; residents forced to clean without supplies	8th Amendment (conditions of confinement); 18 U.S.C. § 4042 (duty to provide safe environment); PS 6031.04 (sanitation & safety); PS 1600.11 (environmental health & safety)
Extended denial of commissary (7 weeks) during lockdown	PS 4500.12 (Trust Fund/Commissary); PS 5580.08 (property retention); 8th Amendment (deprivation without justification)
Black mold, rats chewing electrical wires, rodent droppings near food	PS 6031.04; PS 1600.11; 18 U.S.C. § 4042
Lack of potable water; brown/contaminated tap water	PS 1600.11 (potability & water supply); 18 U.S.C. § 4042
Lockdown since 7/25 with limited phone/mail access	28 C.F.R. 540.100–.105; PS 5264.08 (correspondence/phone); PS 1315.07 (law library access)
Grievance obstruction (BP-10s withheld from Region)	28 C.F.R. Part 542; PS 1330.18 (Administrative Remedy Program)

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### Direct Quotes from Inside

- “Hi! Update from tonight 8/13. Toilets are overflowing water and they said nothing can be done today. They have to wait until tomorrow and have to sleep like that—all the smells, no water or toilets to go to. And they’re (inmates) trying to clean it.”

- “Second day no clean bathroom and not fixed... now saying maybe tomorrow... using some disinfectant but no other items to clean anything at all”
  - “There is some feces overflowing in the water too.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Immediate sanitation and plumbing remediation — emergency contractor or regional maintenance crew must restore safe bathroom access.
  2. Potable water provision — bottled or tanked water must be supplied until contamination is resolved.
  3. Rodent and mold inspection by OIG or outside environmental health agency.
  4. Immediate restoration of commissary and communication access consistent with security and program statements.
  5. Independent review of grievance interference, including staff withholding BP-10 forms.
  6. Accountability and follow-up — Region and Central Office must document corrective actions publicly within 14 days.
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## **USP Lewisburg – Satellite Camp (PA)**

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### **Summary of Allegations**

Reports from staff, incarcerated individuals, and families indicate systemic failures in programming, retaliation practices, and basic conditions at the Lewisburg Satellite Camp. RDAP programming is severely backlogged, leaving eligible individuals waiting indefinitely without transfers. Testimonies further describe lack of air conditioning in

RDAP areas, staff engaging in retaliatory conduct (contraband “set-ups,” threats of SHU placement), and visitation rights curtailed without notice. Families and incarcerated persons alike report that staff stage superficial “clean-ups” only for inspections or regional visits, while failing to address long-standing issues.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Policy / Legal Standard Violated
Severe RDAP backlog; transfers not occurring; no A/C in RDAP areas	18 U.S.C. § 3621(e) (RDAP administration); 8th Amendment (inhumane temps); PS 5330.11 (drug treatment programs)
Retaliation, threats of SHU, contraband “set-ups” for filers/complainers	1st Amendment retaliation; 28 C.F.R. Part 541 (discipline due process protections)
Visiting cut short without notice; sudden policy changes mid-day	28 C.F.R. Part 540; PS 5267.09 (Visiting—equal and consistent access)
Staged “clean-ups” for regional visits while core issues remain	18 U.S.C. § 4042 (duty to ensure safe, humane conditions)

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### Direct Quotes from Inside

- “RDAP is so backlogged at the camp it’s pointless. No transfers happening, and in the RDAP area there’s no A/C.”
- “Every time someone files paperwork, staff threaten SHU or set them up with contraband.”

- “Visits are being cut short without warning. They changed policy in the middle of the day.”
  - “When Region comes, they do quick clean-ups — nothing really gets fixed.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Regional audit of RDAP to assess backlog, wait times, and transfers; ensure program compliance with 18 U.S.C. § 3621(e).
  2. Immediate inspection of climate conditions in RDAP areas; emergency cooling relief required.
  3. Independent review of disciplinary practices to investigate alleged contraband “set-ups” and retaliation.
  4. Restoration of consistent, notice-based visitation policies in compliance with 28 C.F.R. Part 540 / PS 5267.09.
  5. Monitoring of staff practices to prevent staged appearances for oversight and instead resolve systemic failures.
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## **FCI Terre Haute (IN)**

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### **Summary of Allegations**

Reports from staff, incarcerated individuals, and families describe severe environmental health hazards, infrastructure failures, and retaliation practices at FCI Terre Haute. Testimonies detail brown, undrinkable water, ongoing roach infestation, broken windows, leaking roofs, and raw sewage exposure. Town-level boil-water advisories leave residents without safe water since they cannot boil water in custody.

Food service is inconsistent, with reports of meager portions, and the kitchen is facing shutdown due to a leaking grease trap — leading to plans for all sack lunches. Trash collection occurs infrequently, leaving rancid stench throughout dorms.

Additionally, staff are accused of retaliating against incarcerated individuals for advocacy or social media posts by loved ones, including threats of SHU placement, destruction of personal property, and targeted harassment. Testimonies also note interrupted phone access, with lines down, arbitrary denial of minutes, and unexplained suspensions of communication. Families report withdrawing from public advocacy due to fear of retaliation.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Legal Standard Violated</b>
Brown, undrinkable water; boil advisories; sewage exposure	8th Amendment; 18 U.S.C. § 4042 duty of care; PS 1600.11 (environmental health & safety); PS 6031.04 (protection from environmental hazards)
Broken windows, leaky roofs, roach infestation, rancid trash smells	PS 6031.04 (sanitation); PS 1600.11 (pest/vermin control; structural maintenance)
Inadequate food portions; kitchen shutdown due to grease trap leak; sack meals only	8th Amendment; PS 4700.06 (Food Service Manual); PS 6031.04 (nutritional standards)
Retaliation for advocacy/social media posts; threats of SHU; destruction of property	1st Amendment retaliation; 28 C.F.R. Part 541 (discipline due process); PS 3420.12 (employee misconduct standards)

Restricted phone access; outages,  
arbitrary loss of minutes

28 C.F.R. § 540.100–105; PS 5264.08  
(telephone privileges)

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### **Direct Quotes from Inside**

- “Their water is not drinkable — it’s brown. There’s roach infestation, broken windows, leaky roofs, and raw sewage.” —STAFF
  - “The trash compactor is right next to the building and doesn’t get emptied very often — the rancid stench fills the whole dorm.” —STAFF
  - “Food portions are horrible. They’re shutting down the kitchen because of a grease trap problem... it’ll just be sack lunches for all three meals.”
  - “Staff retaliate when things are posted online. They go through property and ruin people’s things. They treat them less than human.”
  - “Half the time they don’t even get phone time — phones don’t work, sometimes minutes just disappear, and now they’re about to shut them down again with no warning.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Immediate potable water provision (bottled or tanked) until contamination issues are resolved.
2. HVAC, structural, and pest remediation plan with third-party verification.
3. Food service inspection to assess compliance with PS 4700.06; prohibit sack-only meal substitution.
4. Investigation into retaliation practices, including officer threats tied to family social media advocacy.

5. Restoration of reliable communication access — repair phone lines and enforce consistent minute allocation.
6. Accountability measures: OIG review of staff conduct and regional inspection of infrastructure/environmental safety.

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## FCC Yazoo City (MS)

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### Summary of Allegations

Family communications and inside reports describe prison-wide loss of air conditioning at FCC Yazoo City, with staff refusing to distribute fans and incarcerated individuals reporting widespread respiratory illness (razor-blade throat, green mucus, difficulty breathing). Units with multiple fans reportedly allow head orderlies to charge \$250 for access, creating conditions of price-gouging and exploitation.

Despite extreme heat, incarcerated persons are not permitted to open windows after a chiller failure at the powerhouse. Testimony further documents mold being painted over rather than remediated, worsening air quality and contributing to illness. Families stress that a similar situation resulted in a death at the facility in 2024.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Policy / Legal Standard Violated
Prison-wide A/C failure; no cooling relief provided	8th Amendment; 18 U.S.C. § 4042 duty of care; PS 6031.04 (environmental health protections)

Staff refusal to distribute fans; head orderlies charging \$250	PS 4500.12 (Commissary/Trust Fund regulations); PS 3420.12 (employee misconduct standards)
Respiratory illnesses (green mucus, throat pain, difficulty breathing) without treatment	PS 6031.04 (Medical care for environmental hazards); 8th Amendment (deliberate indifference to serious medical needs)
Mold painted over instead of remediated	PS 1600.11 (Industrial Hygiene & Safety Standards); PS 6031.04
Windows locked during extreme heat and mechanical failure	8th Amendment; PS 6031.04

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### Direct Quotes from Inside

- “Air has been off and broke at the powerhouse — entire prison has no air. They won’t provide fans. Some units have multiple fans, but if a unit with none wants one, the head orderlies charge \$250.”
- “Good 40% of the unit have trouble breathing, razor blades feeling throat, coughing with green mucus.”
- “They won’t allow us to open the windows. The chillers broke Tuesday at the powerhouse.”
- “They painted over the mold instead of fixing it. This is how a dude died last year in here.”

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### Oversight Demands

1. Immediate emergency cooling measures: portable A/C units, fans, and permission to open windows.
2. Medical triage and treatment for respiratory illnesses linked to heat and mold exposure.
3. Independent certified mold remediation rather than cosmetic cover-ups.
4. Investigation into unauthorized charging (\$250 per fan) and accountability for staff permitting/extorting essential items.
5. OIG/Regional inspection of environmental and medical safety at Yazoo City within 14 days.

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## **FMC Carswell (TX)**

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### **Summary of Allegations**

Reports from individuals, staff, and incarcerated persons confirm that people with serious medical conditions are suffering worsening symptoms due to extreme heat and lack of air conditioning at FMC Carswell. Testimonies emphasize that the facility has failed to provide adequate relief or climate accommodations, despite housing a population with significant chronic and acute medical needs.

The lack of environmental controls not only violates standards for humane treatment but also places medically vulnerable individuals at elevated risk for complications, seizures, and other heat-related illnesses.

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### **Key Allegation & Violation Table**

**Allegation**

**Policy / Legal Standard Violated**

Extreme heat, no A/C, medically fragile population

8th Amendment (deliberate indifference to serious medical needs); 18 U.S.C. § 4042 duty of care; PS 6031.04 (Patient Care & Chronic-Care Management); PS 1600.11 (Temperature control & safety)

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### **Direct Quotes from Inside**

- “Individuals with medical conditions are experiencing worsening amid extreme heat. There is no A/C.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Immediate clinician review for all medically vulnerable individuals impacted by extreme heat.
  2. Implementation of emergency climate accommodations (portable cooling, fans, relocation to climate-controlled areas).
  3. Inspection and enforcement by Region/OIG to ensure FMC Carswell meets minimum health and safety standards for a medical facility.
  4. Accountability reporting within 14 days documenting corrective measures and medical accommodations.
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## **FCI McCreary (KY)**

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### **Summary of Allegations**

Reports from staff, incarcerated individuals, and families highlight prolonged lockdowns and denial of essential services at FCI McCreary. Testimonies describe commissary shut down for approximately seven weeks, lack of hygiene and showers, mail tampering, and collective group punishment measures.

Concerns have also been raised about staff circulating photo-release forms for an outside Christian ministry softball event, while basic needs remain unmet. Families and incarcerated persons describe this as publicity-driven programming, with fears that participation may be tied to preferential treatment.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

<b>Allegation</b>	<b>Policy / Legal Standard Violated</b>
Lockdowns with no commissary, hygiene, or showers	8th Amendment (conditions of confinement); 18 U.S.C. § 4042 duty of care; PS 4500.12 (commissary operations continuity)
Group punishment practices	28 C.F.R. Part 541 (Inmate Discipline Program – prohibits collective sanctions)
Mail tampering/interference	28 C.F.R. Part 540; PS 5265.14 (Correspondence policy)
Promotion of photo-release forms for Christian ministry event during deprivation of basic needs	First Amendment (free exercise/equal protection); Establishment Clause concerns if participation affects treatment/benefits

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### Direct Quotes from Inside

- “We’ve been locked down again — no store or commissary for almost seven weeks.”
  - “No hygiene, no showers. Mail is being tampered with.”
  - “They’re pushing us to sign photo releases for a Christian softball event while our basic needs aren’t being met.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Clarify lockdown justification and duration; publish a schedule for restoration of commissary and hygiene access.
  2. Immediate resumption of commissary operations or provision of equivalent hygiene supplies and food.
  3. Independent review of mail handling to ensure compliance with 28 C.F.R. Part 540 and PS 5265.14.
  4. Audit of religious programming and publicity practices to ensure participation is voluntary, non-coercive, and not tied to preferential treatment.
  5. Regional and OIG oversight to ensure compliance with constitutional protections and program statements.
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## **FCI Memphis / Millington (TN)**

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### **Summary of Allegations**

Reports from staff, incarcerated individuals, and families document retaliatory housing placements, unsafe SHU conditions, and medical neglect at FCI Memphis (Millington). Testimonies describe individuals being:

- Ridiculed by staff on arrival, mocked for transfers, and immediately sent to the SHU without cause.
- Restrained in violation of medical orders, with cuffs placed too tightly, leading to circulation issues.
- Placed in extreme heat cells (100+ degrees) with intentional manipulation of ventilation to keep conditions dangerously hot.
- Denied safe drinking water, with only foul-smelling faucets described as reeking of urine/feces and cups withheld during meal service.
- Housed with incompatible high-security individuals despite low-risk, non-violent designations, creating extreme safety risks.
- Transferred in full leg, waist, and wrist shackles typically reserved for high-security movement, even when destined for minimum-security camp.

Additional reports allege that administration mischaracterized SHU placements as “riot incitement” to deter grievances, and that Millington has reclassified itself from Care Level 2 to Care Level 1, shifting medically vulnerable individuals out — raising concerns of policy manipulation to avoid accountability.

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### Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Policy / Legal Standard Violated
Retaliatory SHU placement; mocking on arrival	1st Amendment retaliation; 28 C.F.R. Part 541 (discipline due process)
Restraints applied contrary to medical order	8th Amendment deliberate indifference; PS 6031.04 (Medical Services); PS 3420.12 (Employee Standards of Conduct)

Extreme heat in SHU; intentional vent/temperature manipulation	8th Amendment; PS 1600.11 (Environmental Health & Safety)
Denial of drinking cups; foul/contaminated faucets as only water source	8th Amendment; PS 1600.11 (potable water standards); 18 U.S.C. § 4042 duty of care
Placement of low-security individuals with violent offenders	28 C.F.R. Part 541 (classification & safety standards); PS 5100.08 (Custody Classification)
Shackling practices inconsistent with custody level	PS 5538.07 (Restraint Procedures)
False narrative of “riot incitement” to deter grievances	1st Amendment retaliation; PS 1330.18 / 28 C.F.R. Part 542 (Administrative Remedy protections)
Care Level reclassification to avoid liability	PS 6031.04 (Medical Designations); possible misrepresentation under ACA standards

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### **Direct Quotes from Testimony**

- “The SHU cell was around 100 degrees... the vent rumbled and then they turned the heat on to make sure it stayed that hot.”
- “No cup was provided for meals — the only option was drinking from a faucet that smelled like urine and feces.”

- “They placed a low-risk, first-time, non-violent offender in with a convicted murderer.”
  - “Staff told others the SHU was for inciting a riot, as a warning.”
  - “Millington has declared itself Care Level 1 instead of Care Level 2, shipping medically vulnerable inmates out.”
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### **Oversight Demands**

1. Immediate investigation into SHU placement practices and classification manipulation at FCI Memphis/Millington.
  2. Audit of restraint practices to confirm compliance with medical orders.
  3. Environmental inspection of SHU ventilation and heat conditions; emergency potable water provision.
  4. Review of inmate classification and cell assignments to ensure low-risk individuals are not placed with violent offenders.
  5. Accountability for retaliatory narratives used to discourage grievances.
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