
USP CANAAN – DEATH IN CUSTODY DURING UNEXPLAINED LOCKDOWN

Brandon Sharpe Found Dead Four Days After Arrival; Visitation Suspended, Families Given No Answers

Summary of Allegations:

USP Canaan has been under near-continuous lockdown with no formal explanation provided to families or incarcerated individuals. Visitation has been suspended indefinitely, despite prior communication suggesting it would resume the weekend of July 27. During the lockdown, Brandon Sharpe, a 30-year-old inmate newly transferred to Canaan from Michigan, was found dead in custody on Sunday, July 27, 2025. He had only been at the facility for four days. Multiple reports confirm that this death occurred during the ongoing lockdown, with families unable to reach the facility for answers and lines ringing out for over five minutes.

The death was confirmed publicly by a WNEP news article, which cites that life-saving measures were attempted before Sharpe was pronounced dead at the hospital. The FBI was notified. As of report time, no internal incident report, safety review, or public cause of death has been issued by the Bureau of Prisons. Family members were given conflicting accounts of visitation status and lockdown reasoning by Executive Assistant K. Castrati.

Key Allegation & Violation Table:

Issue	Details	Violations
Unexplained Lockdowns	Facility was locked down from at least 7/21 to 7/25, with repeated unit-level reports of lockdowns beginning before or after morning chow with no clear cause. Families were told by staff they “didn’t even know why.”	28 C.F.R. § 541.21; PS 5500.14 (Security Procedures); PS 5267.09 (Visiting Regulations)
Visitation Deception & Suspension	Public BOP site confirms visitation “suspended until further notice.” However, K. Castrati emailed family stating it would resume the following weekend. No updates were issued.	PS 5267.09; 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2)

Death in Custody: Brandon Sharpe	Sharpe was found dead during the lockdown on 7/27/25, just four days after arrival. No transparency from BOP. Cause of death undisclosed. FBI notified, no details released to public or family.	PS 6031.04 (Death Notification); 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); PS 5100.08
Retaliatory Silencing & No Facility Access	Family members called repeatedly for updates and were met with no answer or refusal to comment. Inmates could not send notarized legal mail due to missing Case Manager until Friday.	28 C.F.R. § 540.19; 28 C.F.R. § 543.11(g); PS 5265.14
No Explanation from COS	According to several loved ones, Correctional Officers stated even the Chief of Security (COS) did not know the reason for the lockdowns. D Unit and E Unit both reported being on lockdown without warning or cause.	28 C.F.R. § 541.21; PS 5500.14

Direct Quotes

“They let them out to eat, then lockdown till after evening count.”

“They won’t tell us why. The COS didn’t even know why.”

“Brandon Sharpe died during a lockdown. He was only there four days.”

Oversight Demands:

Explanation for the indefinite suspension of visitation, contradictory public messaging, and lack of communication from Executive Assistant K. Castrati and administration.

Inquiry into staffing shortages, CM absenteeism, and repeated lockdowns that disrupt legal access and reentry planning.

Audit of all lockdown activity and disciplinary logs from 7/21–7/28 to determine cause, justification, and procedural compliance.

Independent external investigation into this death in custody and the decision-making failures that left families in the dark while the prison operated in secrecy.

FCI Jesup Camp — FSA/SCA Defiance, Wrongful Detainment & Staff Obstruction

Summary of Allegations

Incarcerated individuals at FCI Jesup Camp report widespread and intentional violations of the First Step Act (FSA) and Second Chance Act (SCA), including the revocation of lawful prerelease placements and mass denial of earned time credits. Following a recent staff “training,” Case Manager Wiard and Unit Manager Randolph have extended confinement by 6 to 12 months for individuals who were already approved for release. Staff admit they will not implement recalculations despite the June 17, 2025 directive, citing “discretion” and “lack of resources.”

Beyond time credit violations, the Camp is in a state of crisis: a 16-day lockdown after 4pm, complete cancellation of food services (moldy, off-site meals now served), PREA violations with no accountability, broken air conditioning during 85°F+ heat, and total elimination of FSA programming. Classes are fake, documentation is falsified, and families are desperate for intervention.

Key Allegations & Violations

Category	Details
FSA/SCA Time Credit Theft	Prerelease dates revoked for dozens who qualified under federal policy
Open Defiance of Federal Directive	Wiard states “no changes” will be made post-memo
Mass Lockdowns & Food Deprivation	16+ day lockdown after 4pm, inedible meals from off-site
PREA Violations & Retaliation	Officers with substantiated complaints returned and retaliating
Medical Neglect	Appointments cancelled; heat-related illnesses unaddressed
Fake Programming	No real FSA/ACE classes; falsified transcripts and sign-ups
Civil Rights Violations	Staff refuse to hold town halls or answer questions

Policy & Legal Violations

Violation	Applicable Policy / Law
Failure to Apply Time Credits	First Step Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); June 17, 2025 BOP Memo
Revocation of CPDs	18 U.S.C. § 3624(g); Second Chance Act
Food Deprivation & Unsafe Meals	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10
PREA Violations	42 U.S.C. § 15601 et seq.; PS 5324.12
Medical Neglect & Delays	28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04
Retaliation Against Complainants	Civil Rights Act § 1983; 28 C.F.R. § 542
Denial of Programming	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 544; PS 5400.01
Suppression of Information	Program Statement 1330.18 (Administrative Remedy Program)

Direct Quotes

“Case Manager Wiard said flat out — ‘He’s not doing anything unless someone makes him.’”

“There’s 20 of us who should’ve been gone by now. Nothing’s moving.”

“Randolph says she doesn’t have to tell us anything. We’re just stuck waiting.”

“This isn’t neglect — this is intentional. They don’t believe D.C. has power over them.”

“No one has had their file recalculated. We’re being held hostage.”

Oversight Demands

Immediate action is required to address illegal confinement and civil rights violations at FCI Jesup Camp. We demand:

Full investigation into Case Manager Wiard and Unit Manager Randolph for insubordination and obstruction

Public audit of all delayed or revoked Conditional Placement Dates and time credit denials

Independent interviews with all inmates impacted by delayed release processing

Formal written response from Southeast Regional Counsel regarding staff noncompliance

Enforceable timeline for compliance with FSA recalculations and home confinement referrals

External referral of PREA complaints to the DOJ Civil Rights Division

Immediate corrective action on food quality, heat conditions, and access to programming

FCI EDGEFIELD – SOUTH CAROLINA

Widespread Mold, Medical Neglect, Group Punishment, and Systemic Program Failures

Facility in Sustained Crisis Due to Staff Misconduct, Infrastructure Collapse, and Retaliatory Practices

Summary of Allegations

Conditions at FCI Edgefield reflect deep institutional failure, resulting in a sustained crisis for both incarcerated individuals and their families. Reports document extreme heat, widespread mold exposure, medical neglect, and retaliatory group punishment used to control the population. Dorms house over 120 individuals with only one or two functioning toilets, inadequate shower access, and no air conditioning, leaving residents exposed to sustained heat levels exceeding safe thresholds.

Staff reportedly wear protective masks when entering mold-infested housing units, while incarcerated individuals are locked inside without protection. Sick call requests are ignored for weeks, and there is no on-site physician. Programming is effectively nonexistent—RDAP, vocational, and educational classes have either been canceled or never made available. Units are frequently placed on full lockdown as punishment for contraband incidents, resulting in the revocation of commissary, recreation, and visitation privileges for all, regardless of involvement.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Category	Details
Black Mold and Airborne Exposure	Dorms infested with mold; staff wear masks, inmates forced to remain in contaminated air

Overcrowding and Infrastructure Failure	Dorms house 120+ people with limited plumbing and communication tools
Retaliatory Group Punishment	Commissary, yard, visitation, and television removed from entire unit after isolated events
No Fire Safety Measures	Alarms sound for hours without staff response; no fire extinguishers or instructions
Inadequate Food and Malnutrition	Expired and insufficient meals failing to meet nutrition standards
Denial of Medical Care	Sick calls ignored for weeks; no physician on site
Program and Education Failure	RDAP, vocational, and ACE classes delayed or never implemented; unqualified staff
Recreation and Yard Time Denied	Yard and movement access frequently revoked
Ineffective Case Management	Case managers disengaged and unresponsive to reentry needs
Wrongful Detainment	Halfway house referrals delayed or refused despite eligibility

Policy & Legal Violations

Violation	Applicable Law / Policy
Exposure to Mold and Unsafe Air	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Fire Safety Violations	28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 4206.06; 28 C.F.R. § 551.100
Wrongful Detainment Post-CPD	18 U.S.C. § 3624(g); PS 7320.01; Second Chance Act
Medical Neglect and Delays	28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04; Civil Rights Act § 1983
Retaliation via Group Discipline	28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 5270.11
Program & Education Obstruction	First Step Act; 18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. § 544; PS 5400.01
Failure to Provide Nutrition	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10

Direct Quotes

“Surviving at Edgefield doesn’t mean avoiding violence—it means surviving mold, hunger, and staff neglect.”

“Fire alarms ring for hours with no response. Staff don’t even know how to shut them off—and they refuse to enter the unit.”

“Staff wear masks when they come in because of the mold, but we’re left inside breathing it day and night.”

“There are 120 men and only two phones. Toilets back up. The AC hasn’t worked in weeks.”

“Meals are expired. Showers barely work. Everything is broken down, and no one’s held accountable.”

Oversight Demands

Immediate environmental inspection for black mold, sanitation, and fire safety code violations

Independent medical audit to confirm current staffing and sick call response times

Public accounting of RDAP, ACE, and vocational program offerings and related federal funding

Investigation into the use of group punishment as retaliation and its impact on due process

Direct inquiry into case management practices and reentry planning failures

Regional and national review of facility operations with written responses from Southeast Regional Office

Enforcement of halfway house referral timelines for all individuals with verified eligibility

FPC MONTGOMERY – ALABAMA

Starvation, Medical Neglect, and Retaliation Under Ongoing Lockdown

Life-Threatening Malnutrition, Diabetic Abuse, and Systemic Program Fraud Demand Immediate Federal Oversight

Summary of Allegations

Conditions at FPC Montgomery are life-threatening. Incarcerated individuals are experiencing severe malnutrition, with verified reports of men losing 20 to 50 pounds due to starvation-level portions, lack of commissary access, and restricted meals. Multiple diabetic inmates report that medical snack vouchers are being ignored, and insulin-related health issues are worsening without response.

The camp has been on near-constant lockdown since May 2025. Medical care is virtually nonexistent — sick call is denied or delayed, chronic pain and serious abdominal complaints are left untreated for weeks, and emergency evaluations are ignored. In addition, ACE/FSA programming has been entirely suspended, replaced with fake sign-ups or paper-only classes. Staff retaliation is common, with mail delayed or withheld and access to trust funds used as a form of punishment.

Key Allegations & Violations

Category	Details
Severe Malnutrition	Inmates losing up to 50 lbs; food portions inadequate and meals skipped
Commissary Abuse	Commissary denied or capped in retaliation; hunger widespread
Denial of Diabetic Care	Insulin needs ignored; diabetic snacks withheld
Untreated Abdominal Pain	Inmate with severe swelling and pain left untreated for weeks
Medical Retaliation	Inmates discouraged from reporting symptoms or filing complaints
FSA/SCA Programming Cancelled	No functioning ACE, FSA, or RDAP classes available
Fake Classes and Sign-Ups	“Classes” appear on transcripts but are not actually taught
Mail Tampering and Delay	Legal and family mail withheld or used as a form of retaliation
Retaliatory Lockdowns	Frequent lockdowns used as blanket punishment without cause
Use of Trust Fund as Punishment	Commissary and account restrictions weaponized against inmates who speak out

Policy & Legal Violations

Violation	Applicable Policy / Law
Malnutrition and Food Deprivation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. §§ 549.10, 551.106; PS 3420.12
Denial of Medical Treatment	28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04; Civil Rights Act § 1983
Diabetic Snack Voucher Violations	BOP Health Services Manual, Ch. 14; PS 6031.04
Retaliation for Grievances	PS 3420.11 (Employee Conduct); Civil Rights Act § 1983
Destruction of Programming	First Step Act, 18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. § 544; PS 5400.01
Mail and Trust Fund Misuse	28 C.F.R. §§ 540.12, 540.19; PS 5265.14; PS 3420.12
Fraudulent Program Reporting	False ACE listings violate 28 C.F.R. § 544.83 and federal reentry funding standards

Direct Quotes

“We’re literally starving. I’ve dropped almost 40 pounds. My skin looks sunken in.”

“The commissary is capped at \$25 but they barely stock it. And if you speak up, they shut your account down.”

“My stomach was so swollen it looked like I was pregnant. I was in pain for weeks. They canceled my outside appointment without explanation.”

“There are no real classes. They print certificates, but no one teaches anything.”

“My diabetic snack was taken away. They said I looked fine and didn’t need it.”

“They use food, mail, and commissary as weapons. If you complain, they shut you down.”

Oversight Demands

We demand immediate accountability and federal intervention at FPC Montgomery, including the following:

Urgent inspection of nutrition standards and immediate food relief for impacted inmates

Investigation into snack voucher denial and insulin mismanagement affecting diabetic inmates

Full audit of ACE, FSA, and RDAP programming — including transcript fraud and staff absence

Regional review of chronic medical complaints and medical appointment cancellations

Investigation into use of trust fund and mail access as tools of retaliation

Immediate compliance review of lockdown procedures and conditions since May 2025

Enforcement of access to real educational, medical, and rehabilitative services per federal law

FCI LEAVENWORTH (FCI & CAMP) – KANSAS

Hunger, Medical Neglect, and Retaliation Amid Life-Threatening Heat and Civil Rights Abuse

Systemic Meal Denials, Untreated Infections, Staff Threats, and Institutional Collapse Demand Federal Intervention

Summary of Allegations

Conditions at FCI Leavenworth are in direct violation of federal law, Bureau of Prisons policy, and basic standards of decency. Reports from both the prison and camp sides confirm systemic meal denial, unaddressed medical crises, retaliation, and environmental conditions that border on cruel and unusual punishment.

Dozens of incarcerated individuals are reportedly forced to work full shifts without food, denied commissary, sleeping on foam pads, and left without hygiene items or clean clothing. Fans are being confiscated during a 90+ degree heatwave, and staff have threatened retaliation for ice or heat complaints. One man, after being bitten while locked down, received no timely medical care and ultimately lost part of his toe. Another is facing untreated kidney disease and lockdown retaliation. Witnesses describe unresponsive staff, delays in first contact and visitation, unexplained property restrictions, and a culture of institutional neglect.

Key Allegations & Violations

Category	Details
Meal Deprivation & Hunger	Missed meals for several days; men nearly fainting at work from lack of food
Retaliation via Commissary	Commissary withheld without cause or notice
Mattress & Clothing Denial	Foam pads instead of mattresses; no clean clothes or work supplies
Unresponsive Medical System	Infection ignored for over a week; amputation required after delays
Unsafe Heat & A/C Retaliation	Fans removed during 90+°F heat; no A/C; ice denied by staff
Deliberate Indifference to Health	Kidney disease untreated; sunburn and lockdown used as retaliation
Visitation & Book Restrictions	Applications delayed; books rejected without cause
Vermin & Unsanitary Conditions	Bugs, rats, and general filth reported throughout housing units
Administrative Delay & Obstruction	Case managers reportedly unhelpful or obstructive toward families

Policy & Legal Violations

Violation	Applicable Policy / Law
Meal Denial / Malnutrition	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 4700.06
Medical Neglect & Delay	28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04; Civil Rights Act § 1983
Unsafe Temperatures & No Ventilation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100
Retaliation by Commissary Restriction	28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 3420.11 (Employee Conduct Standards)
Mattress & Hygiene Deprivation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 4500.11; 28 C.F.R. § 551.100
Denial of Communication	28 C.F.R. § 540.12; PS 5265.14
Abuse of Lockdown Authority	28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 5270.11

Direct Quotes from Inside

“We only got out for 15 minutes every other day. Sick call requests had to be turned in by 6 a.m. — good luck doing that when you’re locked in and don’t even know the time.”

“I got bit February 3rd. By the 11th, I was in the hospital. They amputated part of my toe.”

“There are no mattresses. People are starving. He had to barter with IOUs to get soap.”

“The case manager didn’t help him at all. Lockdown, no food, no clothes, no mattress, and no phone for five weeks.”

“The camp doesn’t have A/C. Now they’re taking away fans. It’s over 90 degrees and they’re suffering.”

“A CO told them if they asked for ice, they’d be shot.”

Oversight Demands

To address the documented systemic abuse and life-threatening negligence at FCI Leavenworth, we demand:

Immediate investigation into medical staff conduct, especially in the infection/amputation case

Full audit of food service operations, missed meals, and commissary denials

Immediate reinstatement of fans, ice access, and emergency heat mitigation at all units

Regional review of all medical grievances and sick call procedures over the last 12 months

Disciplinary action against staff retaliating against individuals for basic requests

Direct outreach to families impacted by unexplained delays in visitation, communication, or books

Facility-wide environmental inspection and public reporting on pest control, bedding, and hygiene access

Civil rights compliance review by DOJ and regional legal counsel

FCI GREENVILLE – ILLINOIS

Hygiene Deprivation, Mold Exposure, and Commissary Suppression

Black Mold, Starvation, and Arbitrary Property Seizures Demand Urgent Oversight and Federal Action

Summary of Allegations

At FCI Greenville, incarcerated individuals are being subjected to inhumane conditions involving basic hygiene denial, black mold exposure, inadequate nutrition, and unjustified property seizures. Hygiene access is severely restricted—only four garments per person are issued weekly, with just one laundry day and no reliable method for drying. Clothes are often returned wet, leading to unsanitary conditions and risk of skin and respiratory infections. Commissary access is arbitrarily capped at \$25 and limited strictly to hygiene products, eliminating access to basic supplements, OTC medications, or food. The facility has used lockdowns to seize and discard personal belongings—photos, legal papers, food, certificates—with no due process. Reports also confirm the presence of black mold in housing units, with no visible remediation. These practices represent systemic neglect and administrative abuse.

Key Allegations & Violations

Category	Details
Hygiene Access Restrictions	Only four garments per week; laundry done once weekly with poor drying
Commissary Suppression	Commissary capped at \$25; access restricted to hygiene items only
Starvation & Nutrition Gaps	Meals insufficient; hunger and weight loss reported
Black Mold Exposure	Mold visible on vents and walls; causing respiratory issues
Property Confiscation	Personal items seized and discarded during lockdowns

Policy & Legal Violations

Violation	Applicable Policy / Law
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Hygiene and Clothing Deprivation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Commissary Suppression	28 C.F.R. § 551.106; PS 4500.11; PS 3420.12
Nutritional Deficiency	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 4700.06
Environmental Neglect (Mold)	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Property Seizure Without Cause	28 C.F.R. § 553.13; PS 5580.08; PS 3420.12

Direct Testimony

“The mold here is so bad some guys wheeze in their sleep. It’s in the vents, the walls — everywhere.”

“They hand us four pieces of clothing, and they’re still wet. We’re forced to wear them like that all week.”

“After the greenbag lockdown, they trashed our property — photos, certificates, food, everything. No explanation.”

“People are losing weight. The food is bare minimum. Commissary is weaponized — it’s not for survival anymore.”

Oversight Demands

We demand immediate oversight intervention and enforcement of federal standards at FCI Greenville. Specific corrective actions must include:

Emergency inspection for mold contamination and indoor air safety

Cease-and-desist orders on property disposal practices during lockdowns

Expansion of commissary access to include food, OTC medications, and basic nutritional items

Policy correction regarding clothing allotments and access to clean, dry laundry

Nutritional compliance audit to enforce minimum dietary standards

Public response from the Warden and BOP North Central Regional Director outlining corrective action and timelines

FCI OXFORD – WISCONSIN

Racism, Retaliation, and Systemic Rights Violations

Civil Rights Abuses, Sleep Deprivation, Mail Tampering, and Staff Impunity Demand Immediate Federal Review

Summary of Allegations:

Multiple internal reports from Oxford Low reveal a disturbing pattern of racial discrimination, abuse of authority, retaliatory punishment, interference with legal rights, and inhumane environmental conditions. Individuals describe this facility as operating with blatant disregard for constitutional protections, especially toward immigrants and those attempting to advocate for their rights. The facility has been described as resembling a “camp of punishment,” where retaliation is swift, oversight is evaded, and legal rights are trampled.

Key Allegation & Violation Table:

Allegation	Cited Violations
Racially biased punishment, intimidation, and arbitrary denials	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 3420.12
Sleep deprivation through excessive rounds, extreme temperatures, and lack of ventilation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Mold, humidity, and leaking ceilings	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Legal mail tampered with or opened outside recipient presence	28 C.F.R. § 540.19; PS 3420.12
Retaliation against complaints by removing FSA credits or law library access	First Step Act; 18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. § 544.83; PS 3420.12
Staff statements to non-citizens that “you have no rights here”	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12

Direct Quotes

“You request a cop-out and they ask you ‘What for?’ They never give you a chat, they just write you up.”

“It’s worse than some USPs I’ve seen... it feels like a punishment camp.”

“You can’t sleep — it’s unbearably hot, and the guards shine lights in your face every 15 minutes.”

“The guards circle around you in an intimidating and threatening way — it’s on purpose.”

“They put me in the SHU because I refused to enter a room where they’d assigned a known sexual predator.”

“The staff told me: ‘Welcome to Oxford. I do whatever I want here.’”

“When regional officials come, they lock everyone in their rooms so no one can speak.”

“People who tried to reclaim their earned FSA credits had them taken again as retaliation.”

“Even legal mail that’s marked to be opened in front of you — they open it beforehand.”

“They told us: ‘You’re illegal. You have no rights in this place.’”

Oversight Demands:

Immediate investigation into racially motivated retaliation and patterns of abuse.

Inspection of housing conditions for mold, excessive heat, and unsanitary airflow in compliance with 28 C.F.R. § 551.100.

Comprehensive review of all FSA credit removals tied to formal complaints or grievances.

Federal audit of SHU placements and disciplinary sanctions related to refusal to bunk with predatory individuals.

DOJ Civil Rights Division inquiry into alleged civil rights violations against non-citizens.

Full accountability from Warden Charia and disciplinary action against staff engaged in unlawful mail tampering or intimidation.

USP BEAUMONT – TEXAS (USP & CAMP)

Mass Lockdowns, Mail Suppression, and Collective Punishment

Extended Modified Confinement, Commissary Denial, and Family Separation Demand
Immediate Federal Review

Summary of Allegations

USP Beaumont has been operating under an extended modified lockdown following multiple group-related violent incidents, including a multi-person stabbing. These events triggered sweeping restrictions across unrelated housing units, leading to mass confinement, tier-rotated shower access, and restricted commissary movement. Family members report widespread denial of phone calls and incomplete or tampered mail delivery. Inmates have also been denied access to commissary due to confiscated or “lost” BOP-issued identification, with no resolution or temporary remedy in place. These practices constitute collective punishment and violate federal regulations guaranteeing access to essential services, communication, and humane treatment.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Violated Statutes and Program Statements
Arbitrary lockdowns across multiple uninvolved units	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 3420.12
Severe communication blackouts and family separation	28 C.F.R. § 540.12; PS 3420.12
Staff manipulation of incident narratives to justify lockdown	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12
Mail interference and suppression of family correspondence	28 C.F.R. § 540.19; PS 5265.14
Commissary denial due to internal mismanagement of inmate IDs	28 C.F.R. § 540.13; PS 4500.12
Psychological harm from prolonged uncertainty and isolation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); PS 3420.12

Direct Quotes

“Following the stabbing incident, all units were locked down—regardless of involvement. We now receive one short movement per day, limited to either a shower or brief tier rotation.”

“Only certain inmates are able to shop commissary due to identification issues. Mine was confiscated weeks ago, and I’ve been told repeatedly it was ‘lost.’ No replacement, no access.”

“We’re permitted out for no more than 20–30 minutes. Calls are rare. If you’re lucky, you might get seven minutes before being ordered back to your cell.”

“Mail delivery is being altered. Letters are arriving incomplete or delayed, and some aren’t showing up at all. This only started once the lockdown went into effect.”

“There has been no clear communication from staff about when or how this ends. The entire unit is being punished without explanation.”

Oversight Demands

Require USP Beaumont to publicly disclose the formal basis for modified lockdowns, including incident reports and housing unit-specific impact.

Immediate restoration of basic services—shower access, commissary, and phone time—in compliance with federal regulations.

Audit of all inmate identification card management procedures and remedial actions for those denied commissary access due to staff mishandling.

Inquiry into alleged mail tampering and interference with correspondence protected under federal law.

Independent review of psychological impact on prisoners subjected to prolonged confinement and uncertainty.

Enforce compliance with all BOP program statements governing communication, movement, and due process in the application of lockdown restrictions.

FCC MONTGOMERY – ALABAMA (INCLUDING FPC)

Severe Malnutrition, Medical Neglect, and Retaliatory Abuse

Systemic Weight Loss, Withheld Care, and Silencing Tactics Warrant Immediate Federal Oversight

Summary of Allegations

FCC Montgomery and its adjacent camp are currently under serious scrutiny for systemic conditions that constitute both civil rights violations and potential Eighth Amendment concerns. Reports indicate inmates are enduring severe malnutrition, with documented weight loss

ranging from 20 to 50 pounds due to inadequate meal portions and denied commissary access as a form of collective punishment. Additionally, overcrowding and delayed or denied medical care have placed the population at heightened risk, particularly amid recurring retaliation by staff involving withheld property and blocked communication.

One alarming case involved an individual left for weeks with extreme abdominal pain and visible swelling before finally receiving medical evaluation. The cumulative effect of these conditions—combined with reported acts of retaliation against those who speak out—raises urgent oversight demands.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation	Violated Statutes and Program Statements
Chronic underfeeding, food deprivation, excessive weight loss	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. §§ 551.100, 551.106; Eighth Amendment; PS 3420.12
Commissary restriction used as retaliation	28 C.F.R. § 551.106; Legal Resource Guide Sec. IV.A.2, IV.C.1
Overcrowding and inadequate medical staffing	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 3420.12
Retaliation via mail/property withholding	28 C.F.R. § 540.1; PS 5265.14; Legal Resource Guide Sec. IV.C.1
Untreated or delayed medical attention in a severe case	18 U.S.C. §§ 4241–4248; PS 6031.04; Legal Resource Guide Sec. IV.C.2

Direct Quotes from Inside

“The food is so scarce that men are walking around here visibly shrinking. Some have lost over 40 pounds in a matter of months.”

“If you file a grievance or speak up, they’ll block your mail or withhold your property. That’s how they silence everyone.”

“An inmate with a swollen abdomen was ignored for weeks. He was doubled over in pain, but staff brushed it off as indigestion.”

“The medical response is practically non-existent unless it’s life-threatening—maybe not even then.”

“They’ve turned food into a disciplinary tool. We’re not just being punished—we’re being broken down.”

Oversight Demands

Immediate investigation into malnutrition levels across FCC Montgomery and FPC Montgomery. All weight loss cases over 15% of baseline should trigger medical review.

Audit of commissary restrictions used as informal punishment and disciplinary retaliation.

Formal review of the facility's medical response procedures, including timelines for evaluation and documented delays.

Enforcement of statutory and constitutional protections against cruel and unusual punishment, including appropriate calorie intake and medical access.

Independent inspection of housing unit conditions, food portions, and documented retaliation acts, especially for those engaged in protected communication or grievance activity.

FORREST CITY MEDIUM – ARKANSAS

Water Shutoffs, Medical Neglect, and Retaliatory Blockades of Earned Time

Systemic Hygiene Failures, Case Manager Misconduct, and Total Breakdown of Facility Operations Demand Urgent Oversight

Summary of Allegations

Forrest City Medium is facing serious operational failures impacting sanitation, medical care, case management, and overall facility safety. Reports confirm that water access has been shut off for over 10 hours at a time, with inmates receiving only one roll of toilet paper per week, contributing to unsanitary conditions. Medical care is functionally unavailable, with sick calls routinely ignored for weeks.

Case managers are reportedly retaliating against individuals by blocking earned time credits and delaying transfers, in direct violation of First Step Act mandates. Staff absenteeism and open disrespect toward incarcerated individuals is widespread, with little to no programming available. Compounding these issues is a severe staff shortage resulting in repeated lockdowns and a complete breakdown in daily operations.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Allegation

Violated Statutes and Program Statements

Extended water outages and hygiene deprivation	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Sick calls ignored for weeks, no access to health staff	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04
Retaliatory withholding of FSA credits or transfers	First Step Act; 18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. § 524.20; PS 3420.12
Staff absenteeism, unprofessional conduct	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12
Short staffing and lockdowns preventing basic services	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12

Direct Quotes from Inside

“There was no running water for nearly half a day. We couldn’t flush toilets or wash our hands. No announcement. No care.”

“You get one roll of tissue for the week. That’s it. If you run out, you’re on your own.”

“You can submit a sick call, but no one sees you. I’ve waited three weeks for a response to a basic medical request.”

“They’re retaliating through FSA point manipulation—delaying transfers, blocking earned time, and offering no explanation.”

“Most of the staff don’t show up or act like they don’t care. The place barely functions day to day.”

Oversight Demands

Immediate inspection of water access, sanitation practices, and compliance with federal hygiene standards.

Audit of all pending sick calls and direct inquiry into medical staffing shortages.

Review of all FSA time credit and transfer decisions over the past six months for evidence of retaliation.

Evaluation of staffing levels, absentee rates, and program offerings across all departments.

Enforcement action to restore compliance with daily operations, including medical care, sanitation, and rehabilitative programming.

Written response from Forrest City leadership detailing correctional plans and accountability for ongoing violations.

FPC SCHUYLKILL CAMP – PENNSYLVANIA

Retaliation, Fraudulent Discipline, and Staff Corruption Undermining First Step Act Compliance

Whistleblower Reports Name Specific Staff Engaged in Contraband Planting, Sexual Harassment, and Systemic Abuse of Authority

Summary of Allegations

FPC Schuylkill Camp is under scrutiny following detailed whistleblower reports of targeted retaliation, fabricated disciplinary infractions, abusive food service conduct, environmental neglect, and coordinated suppression of earned time credits under the First Step Act. Multiple staff members have been named for misconduct, including planting contraband, issuing fraudulent incident reports, and openly mocking incarcerated individuals during meal service. A pro-inmate warden was reportedly forced out by resistant staff who have since escalated anti-rehabilitation tactics.

Key Allegations & Violations

Issue	Description	Violations
Planted contraband / fabricated shots	Unit Manager Mrs. Dewalt allegedly planted phones and wrote false 108-level incident reports to revoke FSA credits.	18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 3420.12
Retaliatory lockdowns / access denial	Inmates were denied law library, outside rec, and weights under arbitrary lockdowns.	28 C.F.R. §§ 543.10, 551.100; PS 3420.12
Verbal abuse, inadequate food	Kitchen CO Officer Yowarth made sexual comments (“Want a side of d*ck with that?”), served inadequate	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 3420.12

	portions, and manipulated juice/water availability for inspections.	
Unqualified, obstructive case management	Unnamed Case Manager (“225+ lbs”) reportedly refuses to assist with release referrals and halfway house placements.	28 C.F.R. § 524.13; PS 7320.01
Climate negligence / winter exposure	Camp lacked heat all winter. Diesel heaters were used at unsafe levels in February. No A/C in summer.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12
Pro-inmate leadership ousted	Former Warden Ms. Rickard, described as compassionate and supportive, was reportedly pushed out by staff refusal to follow orders.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12
Corrupt Disciplinary Officer	DHO Officer Mrs. Taylor reportedly issues extreme penalties (41-day loss for a vape), exaggerates infractions, and is accused of racial bias.	28 C.F.R. § 541.3; PS 5270.09
Complicit Camp Administrator	Mr. Dowkus, Camp Administrator, reportedly turned a blind eye to Dewalt’s misconduct, vehicle searches, and “goon squad” operations.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 1210.24

Direct Quotes

“Mrs. Dewalt is searching every day, writing fake shots just to strip our FSA. She planted a phone on Dr. Moran and only charged him because he was speaking out.”

“Kitchen cop Yowarth told a guy ‘you want a side of dick with that’ and laughed. We don’t even get juice unless the higher-ups are here.”

“We had no heat all winter. In February, they used outdoor diesel heaters and cranked them. It was like hell inside.”

“Mrs. Taylor gave someone 41 days for a vape. She’s racist and always exaggerates.”

“Warden Rickard was amazing. The staff hated her for caring. They refused her orders until she left.”

Oversight Demands

We demand urgent intervention and accountability at FPC Schuylkill Camp:
Immediate internal investigation into Unit Manager Dewalt’s misconduct, planted contraband, and disciplinary fraud.

Audit of all FSA credit revocations initiated under her tenure; reinstatement where appropriate.

Disciplinary review of Officer Yowarth and DHO Taylor for abusive conduct, sexual harassment, and discriminatory discipline.

Facilities compliance inspection for winter heating, summer cooling, and air quality standards.

Personnel investigation into Mr. Dowkus and his administrative complicity.

Public response from Regional Director and Office of Internal Affairs with findings and corrective action timeline.

FCI PETERSBURG– VIRGINIA

Systemic Abuse and Neglect of Disabled, Chronically Ill, and Medically Vulnerable Incarcerated Individuals

No Air Conditioning, Rotten Food, and Repeated Violations of Patient Care Protocols Put Lives at Risk

Summary of Allegations

Reports from FCI Petersburg—detail gross systemic neglect, substandard living conditions, and repeated violations of federal policy affecting some of the most medically vulnerable incarcerated individuals. With no functioning air conditioning, extreme summer temperatures, and documented failure to provide adequate nutrition and medical treatment, the facility poses a clear and present danger to health and safety.

These conditions are not isolated, but reflective of prolonged institutional disregard for regulatory compliance, constitutional rights, and BOP Program Statements that mandate humane treatment.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Issue	Description	Violations
Extreme heat and lack of ventilation	Facility lacks functioning air conditioning during high heat conditions, putting medically vulnerable inmates at risk of heat stroke, seizures, and respiratory issues.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 551.100 (humane living conditions); PS 3420.12
Unfit and inadequate meals	Inmates report food served is below nutritional standards, often spoiled, and “worse than animal feed,” with portions that fail to meet minimum caloric needs.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 3420.12
Medical neglect of chronic conditions	Individuals with chronic illnesses—including Multiple Sclerosis and cardiovascular issues—are routinely denied or delayed medical attention.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04 (Patient Care); PS 3420.12

Direct Quotes

“There’s no AC in the FCI. It feels like 110 degrees. People with MS and heart conditions are fainting or vomiting in their bunks.”

“They serve slop. Rotten vegetables, watered-down soup, We wouldn’t serve this to a dog.”

“You put in a sick call, and it takes weeks. A man with diabetic ulcers bled through his socks for four days before they saw him.”

Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition formally demands the following federal actions:
Immediate inspection of climate control systems by independent HVAC and OSHA-certified contractors.

Emergency remediation plan to provide air-conditioned space for medically vulnerable inmates until full repairs are completed.

Audit of all food services by an external corrections nutritionist, with mandatory menu reform to align with USDA and BOP dietary regulations.

DOJ Office of Civil Rights inquiry into discriminatory treatment of disabled and chronically ill inmates in violation of the Rehabilitation Act.

Mandatory staff retraining on emergency medical protocols and time-sensitive treatment for chronic health conditions.

Public transparency report on medical staffing ratios, emergency response times, and compliance with PS 6031.04.

FCI ELKTON – OHIO

Medical Negligence, Retaliation, and Forced Self-Treatment of Inmates With Serious Health Conditions

No On-Site Physician, Retaliatory Tactics Against Grievances, and Systemic Misuse of Commissary as Medical Substitution

Summary of Allegations

Federal Correctional Institution Elkton is facing serious scrutiny due to multiple reports of systemic medical neglect, unsafe delegation of care, and staff retaliation against inmates who attempt to file grievances or report concerns. Sources report that no physician is present on-site for extended periods of time, and nursing staff are allegedly instructing inmates to purchase over-the-counter medications instead of providing necessary treatment.

This facility-wide breakdown in medical care and access to grievance processes violates multiple federal statutes and Bureau of Prisons program statements, especially in the treatment of chronic or urgent conditions.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Issue	Description	Violations
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No physician on site	Inmates report that Elkton lacks an on-site doctor. Nursing staff are the only personnel available and routinely refer inmates to commissary products rather than medical evaluation.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04 (Patient Care); PS 3420.12
Denial of care and forced self-treatment	Inmates with serious medical needs are told to purchase Tylenol, allergy medication, or antacids from commissary instead of being seen for actual diagnoses or prescriptions.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 6031.04
Retaliation for medical complaints	Inmates who attempt to file grievances or complaints about their treatment are reportedly targeted with retaliation, disciplinary threats, or mail tampering.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12 (Inmate Rights); PS 1330.18 (Administrative Remedy Program)

Direct Quotes

“They haven’t had a real doctor here in weeks. The nurse told me if I don’t like it, I can go buy Tylenol for \$5 at commissary.”

“People with real conditions—chest pain, infections, mental health stuff—they just brush it off. Sick calls go ignored or they hand you a generic info sheet and send you away.”

“I wrote a grievance and got put in the SHU for ‘disruptive behavior.’ I was reporting that someone didn’t get insulin. That’s retaliation, plain and simple.”

Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition is demanding the following immediate federal oversight actions: Deployment of emergency medical staff from the BOP Regional Medical Team or U.S. Public Health Service to Elkton pending investigation.

Third-party audit of all medical records from the last 90 days to assess delays in care, prescription denials, and avoidable harm.

Immediate reinstatement of regular physician coverage, with mandatory documentation of daily medical availability.

Full DOJ Civil Rights Division review for violations of 8th Amendment rights related to deliberate indifference to medical needs.

Sanctions against staff found to have retaliated against inmates for filing grievances under PS 1330.18.

Written assurance of compliance with PS 6031.04 and 18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2), including reeducation of nursing staff on medical triage responsibilities.

FCI TERRE HAUTE CAMP – INDIANA

Sewage Leaks, Mold Exposure, and FSA Time Credit Sabotage by Staff

Raw Sewage in Dorms, Kitchen Near Shutdown by Inspectors, and Open Retaliation Against First Step Act Requests

Summary of Allegations

At the Federal Correctional Institution Terre Haute Camp, sources report hazardous sanitation failures and gross staff misconduct tied to the First Step Act (FSA) program. Raw sewage has allegedly leaked into dorms and basement areas, with additional grease trap overflows, standing water, and kitchen odors so severe that the facility was nearly shut down by inspectors. Simultaneously, the camp counselor tasked with calculating FSA time credits is reported to be hostile, unhelpful, and openly dismissive of inmates' rights to credit review and recalculation. This combination of environmental neglect and administrative obstruction poses direct violations of federal health, safety, and statutory rehabilitation standards.

Key Allegation & Violation Table

Issue	Description	Violations
Raw sewage and foul sanitation	Persistent sewage leaks in the dorm and basement, with kitchen grease traps overflowing and foul odors throughout food prep areas. Reports say the kitchen was	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); 28 C.F.R. §§ 551.100, 551.106; PS 3420.12; Legal Resource Guide, Sec. IV.A.2, IV.C.1

	nearly shut down due to these conditions.	
Neglect of environmental maintenance	Leaks, mold, and improper drainage reportedly left untreated, causing structural and health risks throughout housing units.	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a); PS 3420.12
FSA credit sabotage by staff	Camp counselor refuses to process requests, tells inmates their time credit claims are “a waste of time,” and blocks or delays legitimate recalculations under the First Step Act.	18 U.S.C. § 3632(d)(4); 28 C.F.R. §§ 524.10, 540.1; PS 3420.12; Legal Resource Guide, Sec. IV.D.3
Verbal harassment and obstruction	Staff member allegedly uses intimidation, sarcasm, and mockery when responding to inmates seeking clarification on FSA eligibility or application status.	PS 3420.12 (Inmate Rights); 28 C.F.R. § 540.1

Direct Quotes

“The basement smells like straight sewage. You walk past the kitchen and gag. They almost shut it down, and still nothing has been fixed.”

“There’s mold, leaks, and grease on the floors. I got a rash from walking barefoot in the showers. The COs laugh and say, ‘Welcome to Terre Haute.’”

“The counselor said, ‘You can keep wasting my time with those FSA forms, but they’re going in the shredder.’ He said if I didn’t like it, file BP-9s all day.”

Oversight Demands

The Loved Ones Coalition demands urgent federal investigation and remediation of the following:
 Immediate sanitation audit by BOP Health Services Division or contracted public health agency to assess kitchen, plumbing, and ventilation systems.

Repairs and environmental remediation to address sewage leaks, standing water, mold, and kitchen contamination hazards.

Disciplinary investigation of the identified camp counselor, including a full review of time credit processing logs, BP filings, and documented delays.

FSA recalculation audit for all inmates impacted by this counselor's obstruction, with reinstated credits applied retroactively.

Independent interviews with incarcerated individuals by oversight bodies to assess patterns of retaliation, verbal abuse, and psychological harm tied to counselor conduct.

FCI TERMINAL ISLAND – SAN PEDRO, CALIFORNIA

Untreated Scabies Outbreak, MRSA Infections, and Deliberate Medical Indifference

Medical Crisis Covered by Lockdowns, CPAP Water Withheld, and Chronic Care Suspended During Public Health Breakdown

Summary of Allegations:

Terminal Island has faced a sustained public health crisis due to the facility's failure to contain a scabies outbreak, which was reportedly allowed to spread unchecked for weeks. Numerous incarcerated individuals were left untreated or misdiagnosed, leading to secondary outbreaks of staph infections and MRSA. Instead of implementing proper containment and treatment protocols, the facility relied on reactive lockdowns and mass punishment. Individuals were denied basic hygiene, proper medical evaluation, and necessary medication.

Testimonies confirm that life-saving medications and CPAP machine water supplies were either withheld or unavailable. Sick calls were ignored or delayed, and routine care for chronic illnesses was suspended under the excuse of outbreak control. Reports indicate repeated misdiagnoses, arbitrary quarantine decisions, and retaliatory actions against those who complained.

Key Allegation & Violation Table:

Issue	Description	Violations
Medical neglect during scabies outbreak	Scabies cases were left untreated or improperly diagnosed for weeks, resulting in a facility-wide outbreak and worsening conditions	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); 28 C.F.R. § 549.10; PS 3420.12; Eighth Amendment
Secondary infections due to neglect	Inmates developed staph and MRSA infections due to delayed or absent scabies treatment	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); PS 3420.12; Legal Resource Guide, Sec. IV.C.2
CPAP machine obstruction & water shortages	Water and electricity access for CPAP machines was reportedly withheld or restricted, endangering inmates with respiratory issues	28 C.F.R. § 549.10; Legal Resource Guide, Sec. IV.D.1
Lockdowns as cover for medical crisis	Facility placed entire units on lockdown due to outbreak, but failed to provide proper treatment or information	28 C.F.R. § 551.100; PS 3420.12; Eighth Amendment
Withholding care & misdiagnosis	Sick calls went unanswered or resulted in incorrect diagnoses; inmates report being told to “wait it out” or “buy soap from commissary”	18 U.S.C. § 4042(a)(2); Legal Resource Guide, Sec. IV.C.2

Direct Quotes from Inside:

“They didn’t even have enough meds to treat everyone. Guys were scratching their skin off and being told to go back to their bunk.”

“People got staph and MRSA from untreated bites. Nobody cared until it started spreading to the staff.”

“The lockdown was just to shut us up. They weren’t treating us—they just didn’t want it to get out.”

“I had no CPAP water for three nights. I couldn’t breathe.”

“They misdiagnosed me and gave me ibuprofen. It turned out to be scabies and staph.”

Oversight Demands:

Immediate investigation into facility-wide medical neglect and public health mismanagement, including response to the scabies outbreak.

Audit of all sick calls, incident reports, and medication logs from the past 60 days.

Public disclosure of infection control protocols and a review of staff adherence to CDC and BOP medical response standards.

Inspection of CPAP accommodations and supply chains for chronic illness management.

Review for potential Eighth Amendment violations regarding deliberate indifference to serious medical needs.
