I have been at St. Brides Correctional Center since July 2021.

2. I drink alot of water every day in the form of coffee or drink mix. At least  $\frac{1}{2}$  to 1 gallon a day.

3. I also cook meals and use the water to shower and brush my teeth.

4. I have started to realize that the water is causing me to itch and rash, light headedness and muscle pains. I have recieved muscle rub from medical and anti-itch cream but they continue to be ineffective at alleviating my symptoms.

5. I attempted to make the administration fix the water issue. I filed through the grievance procedure and they refused to acknowledge the issue.

6. I requested them to provide bottled water, change filters, and fix the corroding pipes. They refused to consider these remedies.

7. I would like the court to push for the previous stated remedies, but also getting up to date water testing and prisoner awareness of the issue.

8. I hope that this court will grant this petition and provide a lawyer to assist us with various legal issues.

1. I have been here at St. Brides Correctional Center since 4/6/21.

2. I drink my daily liquid consumption which consist only on water and milk. However, I only drink milk 3 times a week, an 8 oz glass. I consume no other beverages than mentioned.

3. I use this water and only this water to cook with as well as my hygiene needs.

4. I have experienced pain in my abdomen as well as diahrrea.

5. These above issues have been brought to all the proper staff members attention here at St.Brides through the grievance procedure.

6. I requested fro all proper institutions pertaining to the water system. This includes filter, pipes, and ect.

7. None to this day have any testing results for the water has ever been presented to me in any way since I have been at St. Brides.

8. I humbly request these serious issues recieves further investigation and the courts grant my above stated requests.

9. On several occasions in October I wrote about pain. The dates are Oct. 14, Oct. 17 and others. I also wrote on a diahrrea complaint multiple times and I was given medication for the issue. Dr. Campbell seemed to believe it was because of the milk causing me to have this diarrhea issue and stated to me not to drink milk.

1. I have been here at St. Brides Correctional Center since September, 2020. I drink the tap water here out of these spickets on a daily basis.

2. I perform all of my hygiene and washing laundry with the toxic water.

3. I taste and smell chemicals in the water and the taste can become overwhelming.

4. After I drink the water, I always get headaches, irregular heartbeats, cold sweats, light headedness and dizzy, with stomach cramping and irritable bowel syndrome along with body aches and pains.

5. I have medical records of where I have went to the medical department and seen the physician over my severe skin rashes and skin irritations or breakouts. They accumulate around my eye lids, webs of my fingers and on my hands.

6. The doctor has prescribed steroids and skin cream to me at least three separate occasions for my skin issue that has occurred immediately when the water started smelling wierdly.

7. I have exhausted all of my administrative remedies through the grievance procedure and no form of remediation has been offered or prepared.

8. The water treatment plant and Warden Watson are defendants in this case and are fully aware of harmful effects that the water is causing.

Soon after arriving here at SBCC in January of 2021. I have started health issues that were new to me. I started having issues with unexplained headaches, dizziness and blurred vision. I have also experienced swelling in my legs and feet with rashes and discoloration from my knees down. I have always had oily skin and have never had any dry skin issues in my 20 plus years of incarceration until coming to SBCC. Recently I have had to have skin tags removed from my inner arms, armpit areas and my sides by and above my rib cage. I just had (7) skin tags/growths in June, (3) in May and some even before these, again no medical reasons why and where they are coming from. Again I never have experienced anything like these in my entire life before coming to SBCC. I know that something from within is causing these symptoms and more. I now have issues with the severe dry skin even causing my toe nails and finger nails to get real thin and split for no reason. Now that I have found out that issues here at SBCC with the high level of toxins and iron (etc), I believe this is what is causing these health issues and problems that I have never experienced before coming to SBCC. Medical says through testing that everything is showing to be normal and they cannot explain or accept that there is water issues here at SBCC. Infeel that I have aged 10 years plus in the  $2\frac{1}{2}$  years that I have been at SBCC. This is why I put in for a transfer as soon as I was applicable. We as inmates deserve better water than we are forced to cook and bathe with daily. I am certain that being here at SBCC has taken years off of my already short time I have on this earth. Someone should be held accountable for what they are doing

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to us to save themselves a dollar.

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- 1. I have been here at St. Brides correctional Center Since November 8, 2022.
- 2. I drink the water here every day and throughout the day.
- 3. I cook and perform hygiene duties with the water.
- 4. The water is causing meane or more of the following: headaches, migraines, body aches, di ahrea, servere skin roshes/ irritations, cold sweats, irregular heart bats, bleeding, kidney abnormal digestions or irritable bowelsyndrome, light headedness, dizziness, and other health conditions, etc.
- 5. I have exhausted all of my administrative remedies through the grievance proceduce. The water treatment plant officials and worden watson are the defendants liable in their official and individual capacities. They are fully aware of these issues.
- 6. I have requested remediation by changing all outdated water filters and installing brand new ones, and provide free of charge bottled water.
- 7. Supply all recent and up to date drinking water testing results and bring public awareness to all prisoners.
- 8. I pray that this court grant this petition and provide a lawyer so that we can obtain records that will require a subpoend and we do not have the authority to actuate further investigations.

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Regular Grievance	Log Number:
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Charles & Mengboli 6/29	123 730 pm
Individuals Involved in Incident:	Date/ Time of Incident
<b>Results of the Informal Complaint Process</b> (Select one of the below) <i>Written Complaint</i> on this issue attached	
Other documentation used to satisfy the informal complaint process is attached	
Informal complaint process is not required for this issue	
<b>Explain Your Issue:</b> (Provide a detailed explanation of the issue, your attempts to resolve	the issue and how you were personally affected.)
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are drinking. Please Condo Due to tes	st Wager Regular.
CHARLES E Memboli	6/28/2023
Offender Signature	Date / /
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	Personally Affected: You must identify how the issue caused personal harm or loss to you, personally.
	Limited: You have been limited by the Facility Unit Head, and this grievance is in excess of your limit.
	<b>Expired Filing Period:</b> You must submit your grievance within 30 of the original incident or discovery of the incident unless the reason for delay was beyond your control, you have not been provided formal orientation, or a more restrictive time limit has been established to prevent loss of remedy or the issue becoming moot.
	Repetitive: You submitted this issue previously on Regular Grievance #
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	Insufficient Information: (Not to include Medical, Sexual Abuse, and Sexual Assault). You must provide the following
	information within 5 days before the grievance can be processed:
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Institutional Ombudsman Signature

#### **Appeal of Intake Decision**

(If you disagree with the intake decision, you have 5 days from date of receipt to send an appeal of the intake decision to the Regional Ombudsman by submitting this grievance for further review.)

Date

Date

Regional Review of Intake Decision: The Regional Ombudsman's decision is final

The intake decision is being upheld in accordance with Operating Procedure 866.1, Offender Grievance Procedure.
The intake decision is being overturned and the grievance is being returned to the Facility Unit Head for response.
The intake decision is being returned to you because the 5-day time limit for review has been exceeded.

**Regional Ombudsman Signature** 

#### Withdrawal of Grievance:

I wish to voluntarily withdraw this grievance. I understand that by withdrawing this grievance, there will be no further action on this issue nor will I receive a response to this grievance. I understand that I may resubmit this same issue once and only once on a new *Regular Grievance* as long as the original 30-day time limit has not expired.

#### Offender Signature:

Staff Witness:

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<u>Campe "James" Respect 1204039</u> Offender Name Offender Number Housing Assignment <u>Notet Treatment Jamie Desper</u> 6/1123/9:50am Individuals Involved in Incident
Individuals Involved in Incident TO: <u>Date/ Time of Incident</u> (You must address your issue to institutional staff or an institutional department)
In the space provided explain your issue (be specific):
There been made aware that there are very high levels of copper sold lead in the water It is not safe to be drinking it. It is affecting me. There been having headerchs, my stomach has been hurting and I have been seeling neutions. I would like to be Travided battled water free of charge.
Offender Signature: Jourie Defin Offenders - Do Not Write Below This Line
Date Received: <u>6-5-53</u> Response Due: <u>6-9-33</u> Log Number: <u>STRC-73-24F-00863</u> Assigned to: <u>Mr. Begun, Waste Water</u>
Action Taken/Response: <u>I ain sorry to hear of your health issues. But the drinking water is</u> <u>sate to arink. We follow all guidelines that are set by the Virginia Department</u> of Health.
Charles O.BrownWTp 5 up rover6/12/23Respondent SignaturePrinted Name and TitleDateWithdrawal of Complaint:
I wish to voluntarily withdraw this complaint. I understand that by withdrawing this written complaint, there will be no further action on this issue nor will I receive a response to this complaint. I understand that i may resubmit this same issue once and only once on a new Written Complaint as long in the original 15-day time limit has not expired. Offender Signature:
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- You must explain your issue and how you were personally affected in the space provided, preferably in ink.
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Offender Name (Last Name, First)	Offender Number	Housing Assignment	
Water Treatment	6(1123 15	9:50 am	_
Individuals Involved in Incident:	Date/ Time o	f Incident	_

#### Results of the Informal Complaint Process (Select one of the below)

Written Complaint on this issue attached

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- Other documentation used to satisfy the informal complaint process is attached
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Explain Your Issue: (Provide a detailed explanation of the issue, your attempts to resolve the issue and how you were personally affected.)

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#### **Appeal of Intake Decision**

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Date:

Regional Review of Intake Decision: The Regional Ombudsman's decision is final

	The intake decision is being upheld in accordance with Operating Procedure 866.1, Offender Grievance Procedure.		
	The intake decision is being overturned and the grievance is being returned to the Facility Unit Head for response.		
	The intake decision is being returned to you because the 5-day time limit for review has been exceeded.		
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#### **Regional Ombudsman Signature**

#### Withdrawal of Grievance:

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#### **Offender Signature:**

Staff Witness:

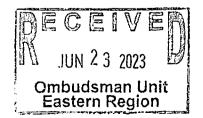
# Dear Regional ombudsman,

I am appealing the intake decision because this is not a request for services. This is not a complaint about Medical issues. It's about the issues that the toxic water is causing. Medical is not going to be able to help me if toxins are allowed to remain in the water. The date that the decision was made was 6/16/23, but I did not actually recieve it until 6/20/23. Please return this grievance to the facility unit head to be logged and for a decision. Thank you.

Sincerely,

# Jamie Desper

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	MAtthew Ratcliffe	06/01/2023 Date/ Tim	e of Incident
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#### Offender Signature:

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	Offender Name Offender Number Housing Assignment
٨	Matthew 1. Ratcliffe. 06/01/2023 9:00 am Individuals Involved in Incident Date/Time of Incident
	TO: <u>Water Treatment</u> <u>Plant</u> (You must address your issue to institutional staff or an institutional department)
	In the space provided explain your issue (be specific):
	I have made aware of the very unsafe levels of copper and lead
	in this drinking water, will you please verify all of the toxic metals
	that you have reveiled in the test results that you take please past
	warning signs in every dormitory about the health' risk that are
-	associated with these metals, please provide awayeness of this Condition to all prisoners. Find a remedial option and provide water bottles that are
	Safe to drink. In experiencing severe health concerns after drinking this unter
	Offender Signature: Mott Patchille Date: 06/01/2073
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	Date Received: 6-5-23 Response Due: 6-20-23 Log Number: 57B(C-23-IUF-M864
	Assigned to: Mr. Browo
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# **Grievance Receipt Report**

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#### Grievance Number: STBCC-23-INF-00930

#### Next Action Date: 6/29/2023 12:00:00 AM

On this date: 06/14/2023		I have received a statement from:	
			St. Brides Correctional Center
Floyd, Jonathon	J 14960	96 of	350-А-63-Т
(Offender Name and DOC#)			(Filed Location and Housing)
Setting out the fo	llowing complaint:		
quality has been severe fatigue. Ir	degrading and sometimes ta n becoming worried about m	ste ru y hea	ere at SBCC since 2019 and I'm noticing the water stic or metalle. I am experincing headaches and lth. I only feel these symptoms after drinking this ease provide our drinking water test results."
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# CASE LAW

#### WASHINGTON v. UNITED STATES

The Plaintiff(s) in <u>WASHINGTON</u> experienced the same extremities as the plaintiff(s) are experiencing now. The proximate causation is the factor that the plaintiff(s) must use this unsafe water to drink from and perform hygienic obligations daily. The plaintiff(s) allege that the defendant(s) have breached their duty of care, whether in their individual capacities or their official capacities. The defendant(s) are liable under these provisions:

1. Allowing or causing dangerous pollutants and contaminants to exist in the water supply at St. Brides Correctional Center;

2. Failing to supply or provide an uncontaminated water supply or source;

3. Failing to conduct various due diligence with respect to monitoring the water supply especially for two (2) years from 2020-2022 during Covid-19; and

4. Failing to heed early warning signs about the contamination and withholding information about the contamination.

Plaintiff(s) allege that there were numerous events and warning signs that put defendant(s) on notice that hazardous chemicals contaminated the water at St. Brides Correctional Center. The Plaintiff(s) complaint challenges a sequence of events over periods of time of inattention and recklessness. Plaintiff(s) contend that defendant(s) have known about the contaminants in the water since 2004 when the first published story was in the New York Times Newspaper which was released on Wednesday, May 16<sup>th</sup>, 2012. The story was gathered by an advocacy organization by the name of Environmental Working Group, or *E.W.G.* 

The defendant(s) failed to properly monitor the water. Plaintiff(s) complaint details factual allegations. The Plaintiff(s) injuries are associated with St. Brides Correctional Center. The Medical Department holds all documented visits of the Plaintiff(s) claims. The injuries occurred while at St. Brides, *no pre-existing conditions* existed. These are detailed injuries that the Plaintiff(s) are suffering from extensively. The levels of these contaminants are unsafe and dangerous results do take effect on the human body. The supervision is inadequate and preventive measures are not being taken. The Plaintiff(s) give good show cause that the defendant(s) are responsible for their day to day livelihood. The Plaintiff(s) are being responsive and diligent with their health conditions.

The Court, if it pleases to do so, can subpoena any/all medical records for verification. Please take immediate action and grant this petition.

# DECLARATION

I, <u>Jamie Paul Despen</u>, # <u>1204039</u> declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since <u>November 8</u>, <u>2022</u>. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

Furthermore, I have just become aware of these violations and I did exhaust all of the administrative remedies but no remediation was provided. The poisonous metals mentioned have been deliberately hidden and no warnings were ever given. There is eye witness testimony from prisoner's that work at the waste water treatment plant and employed officials that have stated that the drinking water here is not safe for human consumption. The test levels for copper and lead are highly above the accepted standards and therefore violates the rules and regulations for the Department of Health codes and further violates the Environmental Protection Agency.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

1, Janie Paw Desper\_ # 1204039 do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of sume \_3\_\_\_\_, 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

I sent a copy to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 701 East Broad Street,

Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

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### DECLARATION

I, Jonathon Flayd, # 1496096 declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since 11-9-19. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

Furthermore, I have just become aware of these violations and I did exhaust all of the administrative remedies but no remediation was provided. The poisonous metals mentioned have been deliberately hidden and no warnings were ever given. There is eye witness testimony from prisoner's that work at the waste water treatment plant and employed officials that have stated that the drinking water here is not safe for human consumption. The test levels for copper and lead are highly above the accepted standards and therefore violates the rules and regulations for the Department of Health codes and further violates the Environmental Protection Agency.

# **AFFIDAVIT**

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I further certify that on this day of Date  $10^{-10}$ , 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

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# DECLARATION

1. <u>CHARS Membol</u>; <u># 1,1/67.4</u> declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since <u>4-6-21</u>. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

Furthermore, I have just become aware of these violations and I did exhaust all of the administrative remedies but no remediation was provided. The poisonous metals mentioned have been deliberately hidden and no warnings were ever given. There is eye witness testimony from prisoner's that work at the waste water treatment plant and employed officials that have stated that the drinking water here is not safe for human consumption. The test levels for copper and lead are highly above the accepted standards and therefore violates the rules and regulations for the Department of Health codes and further violates the Environmental Protection Agency.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

1, CHARLES E. Memboli # 116704 do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of  $\frac{18}{18}$ , 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

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Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

1, Alaie Sounders # 1434783 do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of June  $18^{+h}$ , 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

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Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

### DECLARATION

I, <u>John E. Smith-El</u>, # <u>1040488</u> declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since <u>January 14</u> <u>2020</u>. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

1, John E. Smith-EL # 1040488 do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of  $\frac{July}{June}$  2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

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Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

John E. Smith-El

# DECLARATION

I, <u>MATThew L. Rotcliffe</u>, # <u>1202148</u> declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since <u>September 2020</u>. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

I, MATThew L. Rotcliffe\_\_\_\_\_, # 1202/48\_\_\_\_\_, do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of June  $\underline{/8}$ , 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

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Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

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## DECLARATION

I, <u>Cody</u> <u>lycron</u>, # <u>2051434</u> declare that I am the plaintiff in this action. I have been incarcerated here at St. Brides Correctional Center since <u>JJ14</u> <u>2021</u>. I further certify that I have personally been exposed to these toxic waters. I suffer from symptoms that are associated with these harmful and hazardous side effects. I swear that I do experience one or all of these conditions that cause severe discomfort and pain.

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# **AFFIDAVIT**

1, Cody lowson # 2051434 , do hereby sear under oath

and under the penalty of perjury that the foregoing is true and accurate to the best of my knowledge.

I further certify that on this day of June \_\_\_\_\_, 2023, that I signed this affidavit and this

declaration after I read these claims.

I sent a copy to the United States District Court, Eastern District of Virginia, 701 East Broad Street,

Suite 300, Richmond, Va. 23219-3528 by regular U.S. Mail.

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- 1. I have been here at St. Brides correctional Center Since November 8, 2022.
- 2. I drink the water here every day and throughout the day.
- 3. I cook and perform hygiene duties with the water.
- 4. The water is causing meane or more of the following: headaches, migraines, body aches, di ahrea, servere skin roshes/ irritations, cold sweats, irregular heart bats, bleeding, kidney abnormal digestions or irritable bowelsyndrome, light headedness, dizziness, and other health conditions, etc.
- 5. I have exhausted all of my administrative remedies through the grierance proceduce. The water treatment plant officials and worden watson are the defendants liable in their official and individual capacities. They are fully aware of these issues.
- 6. I have requested remediation by changing all outdated water filters and installing brand new ones, and provide Free of charge bottled water.
- 7. Supply all recent and up to date drinking water testing results and bring public awareness to all prisoners.
- 8 I pray that this court grant this petition and provide a lawyer so that we can obtain records that will require a subpoend and we do not have the authority to actuate further investigations.

Jane De Signature