



Friday, October 20, 2017

To: CT Criminal Justice Commission  
CT Chief State's Attorney  
CT Bar Association  
And Public Stakeholders

Regarding: CT Valley Hospital, Whiting Forensic Hospital Staff Abuse Case (2017)

I am deeply concerned at how the states prosecution has, to date, handled the Whiting Case in Middletown, CT. For all the reasons I will in detail outline in this letter, not only do I specifically allude to possible Conflict of Interest, Conspiracy and Hindering of Prosecution, but as a concerned resident of CT, I submit this letter demanding accountability and justice to be reasonably made on behalf of the victim who has incurred this abuse under state care.

As of the date on this letter, the charges placed on the 10 arrested criminals are:

53-20(a)(1) Intentional Cruelty to Persons  
53a-182 Disorderly Conduct

In all seriousness, I have seen more charges placed on a drunk person arrested for breaking and entering into their own home at 1 am in the morning because they forgot their keys and a concerned neighbor called the police.

This case came to surface because an anonymous person submitted surveillance camera footage of the crime. This video is substantial evidence. The people arrested were clearly identifiable in the video footage. Because of the nature of the allegations, in the context of a state mental health hospital, where the victim has a mental disability and is elderly, along with published/public detailed reports describing what is in the video – which is substantial evidence, I can identify that Connecticut statutes to be seriously considered include but should not be limited to:

- Abuse of Persons 1<sup>st</sup> / 2<sup>nd</sup> degree
- Conspiracy (because at all times there were at least 2 staff members monitoring the victim when the abuse was being committed and over 9 arrested targeting 1 person)
- Inciting injury to persons
- Emotional distress





- Intent should include both Intentional and Negligence (and applied accordingly to the pertaining criminals)
- Because licensed professionals are involved: Malpractice, Gross negligence and Conspiracy should be applied especially if licensed professionals were merely observing the abuse but did not actively participate in “abusing acts”, by their position of authority they are “Inciting continued injury” in a “gross negligent” way or “intentionally” condoning such behavior as implied with a “conspiracy” charge)
- Kicking, poking, jabbing is by definition assault and if the patient was poked with the handle of a mop – would that be assault with a weapon/ assault and battery?
- The patient had a diaper placed on his head by staff... that is public humiliation
- “unprovoked abuse... often as he is sleeping curled in a fetal position”

(In addition to the “systemic abuse” riddled throughout this case with all the state departments involved who have publicly-noted procedural negligence, I can see something much more deviant in nature. You have a team of employees targeting 1 victim and a head nurse “siting, observing the abuse, and taking notes”. This is the picture of an inhumane research project.)

To the Connecticut Bar Association:

In review of Article II in your Constitution, you state:

“The purposes of this Association shall be to promote the public interest through the advancement of justice...; to facilitate the delivery of competent legal services to the public and particularly to those in greatest need...”

I specifically implore you to take a pro-active stance in securing the availability of “competent legal service” to this most vulnerable victim. Not only is the victim not able to solicit adequate representation due to financial limits, this abuse has occurred within the supervision and responsibility of state officials for possible **years**. Not only does this victim deserve representation who has no-conflict of interest with the state but justice would also require “mitigation of damages”.

(Mitigation of damages is the requirement that someone injured by another’s acts of omission or commission must take reasonable steps to reduce the damages and/or injury or cost, to prevent the victim from getting worse.)

After the 9 initial staff members were arraigned, reports were made of retaliation from 3 additional staff members assaulting the victim in a bathroom beyond the reach of video surveillance. Without substantial evidence to identify the 3 staff, they remain employed at CVH but were relocated. All arrested have made bail and remain collecting their





salaries and planning their retirements with intent on collecting their union and state benefits.

As a member of the public, with personal knowledge of what it is like to be hospitalized in a psychiatric facility, as a member of the public who has had loved ones be admitted to CVH and Whiting Forensic Hospital, I humbly ask for mercy and justice to be done for this man. This elderly, disabled, terrorized, dependent of the state deserves to be released from the states' oppression and negligence and relocated to a private hospital where he can spend the rest of his life with a measure of peace and dignity... Please... Anything less would be unjust.

Sincerely,

Noemi Soto

State of Connecticut

County of Hartford

The foregoing instrument was acknowledged before me this day: 10/20/2017  
by Noemi Soto of BG2G a Connecticut Religious Corporation on behalf of the corporation.

  
Signature of Notary Public

Maria Torres  
Notary Public

MY COMMISSION EXPIRES AUG. 31, 2020

Date Commission Expires

Printed name of Notary Public