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New Submission: COVID-19 at California Mens Colony Jan 2021

As 2021 begins I am a Stage 4 terminal cancer patient. I am 65 years old and have poorly-controlled diabetes with my latest A1C measurement at 7.8. I am very vulnerable to harm if I get the virus.

So, as of today, on my prison yard at CMC West, 5 dormitories out of seven are on quarantine lockdown. Fortunately, my dorm has no positive Covid tests.

On CMC overall (both East and West) last week we heard that 580 prisoners and 270 staff had tested positive, with the numbers going up daily. In Dorm 25 on my yard, every prisoner but 2 tested positive and Dorm Dorm 25 had been on quarantine lockdown for weeks!

How could this be? CDCR acts as if it is a big mystery, but every prisoner knows that a quarantine designation means nothing here. We all see prisoners who are supposed to be quarantined walking about the yard freely, often without masks, and chatting with their buddies from other dorms - also without masks. This is routine. We see infected prisoners skipping out of their dorms to use the same phones used by other prisoners. We even see those infected prisoners entering and leaving other dorms at will.

To top it off, one prisoner from Dorm 25, who recently tested positive in the quarantine Dorm, was continuing in his job as porter / clerk in the yard Counseling Center, where he mingled with prisoners of all dorms and with the three counselors - who also mingled with

Prisoners from all demographics,

CDCR does not protect its prisoners from COVID-19 and never has. If anything, CDCR practices spread the virus by moving prisoners around, thus spreading the infections.

I know that I am going to die from cancer, which CDR was slow to diagnose until it was beyond the possibility of a cure. But I sense that if I were to die earlier at County, CDCR could save some money. Many prisoners comment that they feel CDR would rather bury them than release them.

I have filed a habeas petition with the San Luis Obispo Municipal Court, asking for immediate release because I am medically vulnerable to COVID-19 and CDR is not protecting me. I suspect that CDR will fight this case and will likely win. They will fight prisoner releases far harder than they fight COVID-19. And I am a person who was wrongly convicted by a racist D.A. and does not belong in prison to begin with.

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