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RE: Death of Clifford T. Solomon. W103089
Another K2 related death

The passing of Clifford T. Solomon "Cliffy" was a shock in spite of the fact he had been suffering from K2, synthetic Cannabis addiction for many years with the full knowledge of all staff. His death may have occurred due to a medical condition however clearly K2 brought his decline in health, and when a prisoner is suffering from K2 medical needs are many times ignored blaming the claims on "getting high". It should also be noted that even New York issued a health advisory #21 in relation to K2 (October 6, 2025). At one point when responding for an overdose for Cliffy in 8 Block the nurse stated when seeing him "Clifford what did you do to yourself this time." Cliffy's addiction was a multiple year struggle without any treatment, care or hope. The Administration continued to inflict punitive action on Cliff for all K2 incidents.

I use the word incidents because during his struggle with addiction he fell of the top bunk injuring his back being given a medical walker. At one time while sitting in his medical walker and staff was responding to him being under the influence he flipped over backwards in his walker crashing to the floor, requiring another ambulance trip due to head trauma.

Cliff's condition became so bad that he was placed in a cell immediately adjacent to the officers station 3-4 feet away. You can't be housed closer to a staff station than this. However this was not enough to save Cliffy's life. With no meaningful treatment in sight he continued to drift deeper and deeper into hopeless addiction just to escape his days.

I believe his downward spiral began when he was fired from MassCor Industries due to his Substance Use disorder (SUD) in relation to K2 use. Once he was fired unable to gain employment and earned good time (EGT).(Time off his sentence). Also having all idle time with no productive outlets which MassCor provided, to stay busy. This began his dramatic plunge into the hopeless of full time addiction. With nothing to look forward to and just serving day for day he sought an escape from morning till night ending his life.

This I believe has become criminal negligence due to the indifferent disregard of the Massachusetts Department of Correction (DOC) to provide care for his specific struggle with K2 relating to the American with Disabilities Act (ADA). When the NIC regularly asks administrators for treatment for these people suffering instead of punishment the response is, "We are not going to legalize drugs". However when the NIC submitted a report of the mental health implications of SUD's / K2, along with suggestions. it fell on deaf ears with administrators at MCI-Norfolk and Milford headquarters. Commissioner Jenkins doubled down on punishment and added nothing meaningful for treatment.

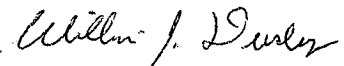
Cliffy was a guy who always had a smile on his face and was devote to his Native American heritage. He was a member of a tribe in Canada. Cliff was wrapping up or

completing his sentence in about 3 years. But the DOC refused to provide support.

On the night of (April 15, 2026, 7:00 PM) of his death. He had been in the common area and then a freeze up (institutional lock down) occurred for another housing Unit, 1-3. Not an emergency just a means for cell compliance (clothes lines, extra pillows, toss personal property around, etc.) All prisoners are required to lock in where Cliff was housed (8 Block). This occurred around 6:00 PM. This can all be confirmed via institutional cameras. There was no other rounds conducted until 7:00 PM from all reports of other prisoners when staff conducted their next round (7:00 PM) and found Cliff beginning to turn Blue. Sadly enough this has now become common place in the MA-DOC.

Once again the DOC having indifferent disregard for the care of prisoners and treating SUD's as a disciplinary action rather than treating the disorder of K2. Prisoners have given up hope as public officials continue their course of enforcing the Culture of Punishment in the DOC. Maybe the MA Department of Public Health should follow New York City Department of Health and Mental Hygiene and issue a Health Advisory for K2 in Massachusetts geared towards the MA-DOC crisis.

Respectfully Submitted.



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