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Exposing Minnesota Department of Corrections Inhumane Conditions & Treatment of the Wrongfully Convicted

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On **September 3, 2023**, over 100 incarcerated men at the **Minnesota Department of Corrections - Stillwater Facility** protested their inhumane treatment. Refusing to return to their 6x9 cells where temperatures had reached upwards of 115 degrees, they silently sat in the community space. With incessant lockdowns happening almost weekly due to "short-staffing", they have been refused showers days at a time.



Jonathan Corbett, 29, wrongfully convicted at age 18

Lincoln Caldwell, 38, ID # 217588, *wrongfully convicted in 2007*, is set to have a panel hearing on September 19, 2023. He is being charged with Inciting a Riot, Kidnapping, and Holding a hostage, even though MNDOC spokesperson Andy Skoogman says no one was hurt, and "the situation was calm, peaceful and stable throughout the day."

With no violence reported by the MNDOC, Mr. Caldwell has been in solitary confinement since the incident. Throughout this process, and leading up to today's hearing, he has been denied access to his legal team. **MNDOC Policy Number: 303.010 H.2 states: "An offender may have a representative to assist in the preparation and presentation of the case. The offender is given the opportunity to meet with the representative prior to the major discipline hearing."** If found guilty, he is facing 300 days in lockdown segregation, which allows him 1hr a day outside his cage.

Jonathan Corbett, 29, ID #242543, *wrongfully convicted in 2012 at age 18*, is also in solitary confinement and being punished for peacefully protesting his rights. Mr. Corbett has been isolated and labeled as the "ring leader" of the labor protest at Oak Park Heights, which was not published by mainstream media. He says the facility has gone to lengths of turning off the shower water in his cell but allowing the sink faucet water to remain. Jonathan has been denied contact with his family and is unsure of his fate surrounding his role in the peaceful labor protests.

These 2 men stood up for their rights along with hundreds of others, protesting extreme conditions most wouldn't even leave their pet in. It is unknown how many men have been placed in solitary confinement due to the recent protests, but their punishment will last, "until further notice" according to the Commissioner. Who also states, "There was never any type of violence throughout the course of the incident at all."

Over 8,000 incarcerated humans are being treated inhumanely at the hands of the State of Minnesota, and on tax payers dollars. Guilty or Innocent, the incarcerated are still human beings and deserve to be treated with basic levels of dignity and respect which include daily showers, clean drinking water, phone calls to loved ones, and the right to legal counsel.

LJPR GLOBAL will be acting as the voice and official media representative for the wrongfully convicted in the State of Minnesota. Partnering with the Minneapolis NAACP, Minnesota Vikings, several nonprofits, lawyers and consultants, we will be the VOICE OF THE VOICELESS. We plan to expose, challenge, and dismantle the systems and infrastructure of the Minnesota Department of Corrections that continue to entrap young black men. We loudly fight not only for the freedoms of those who have unjustly lost their lives to this system, but ensure their restoration and reparations match the crimes committed against them and their families.

If you are interested in learning the facts of the cases of any of the wrongfully incarcerated that LJPR Global represents, please contact: LeeJohnsonGlobalPR@gmail.com

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