



## SPARTACUS PROJECT OF NEVADA

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NCJIS Advisory Committee

Carson City, Nevada

(Request these papers become part of the record.)

### Members:

Let me start by stating, how disappointed and disgusted, many members of the public is in viewing this committee's reluctance to get to the point of what was thought to be a meaningful committee on judicial justice and prison & parole reform. It is disgraceful. It doesn't take a neurosurgeon to see most of the problems--and make the changes. To take this length of time to see a nose on a face borders on the ridiculous.

I will submit a few more letters I have received in the last few months complaining about the lack of medical treatment. (They are not the worst, just the ones *on my desk this day*.) This committee knows Nevada's lack of medical care for prisoner's borders on the like-treatment of any third world dictatorship. Aren't we proud?

It is true, I'd like to see the budget of NDOC cut to the bone, but not on medical treatment, food, or foolishly long sentences. While Mr. Skolnik thought it fair to cut the guards benefits, he never refused his latest raise or that of his administrators. Nor, did he think to say that the prisoners held in cells for years, 24/7 hours a day, might be more deserving for consideration. Not all prisoners in the hole are disciplinary problems. Is this really the man you'd want watching out for your child, parent or loved one?

As for the one who sits on your committee that heads up the parole board and defies this committee and state law as to how men and women will be released--deserves to sit in a cell to show the world how brave she is when it comes to fair treatment and how well she can hold up to this barbaric treatment she fantasizes as responsible authority. It might be suggested that members of this committee grab a chair next to her. Don't force others to do what you can't do! Might isn't always right...

It wouldn't be out of line to point out that Mr. Skolnik and Ms. Salling-- are appointees--not elected officials of this state. They answer to no one, including this committee. Nor, will they ever, because no one in this state can go up against this machine of terror, always citing "Law & Order" as their theme and reason for being. Nor will this committee's Prison Advocate be anything more than an advocate for prisons. He certainly doesn't respect the humanity of prisoners. His medical court filing was a joke. Tell the public what he asked for in his paperwork? What sanctions, and when did he expect his filings to get consideration to help those currently suffering at the hands of NDOC medical staff? (However, High Desert State Prison Medical Staff is claiming they would give needed medical treatment to prisoners--if NDOC guards would transport the prisoners to the medical unit. How about that Mr. Prison Director--is that true?)

## 2.

Last week a sub committee on prison sentencing was held, and a lot was said about how to curb abuses in Nevada's courtrooms. However, I never heard anything about some of Nevada's most restrictive judges being warned to be judges—not an extension of the prosecutor's office. With judges like Donald Mosley, Jackie Glass, Michelle Leavitt, and Valarie Vega, there is no need to write laws seeking fair play. Just let these judges carry on as usual and soon, you, this committee, will be with a problem staying out of prison. These men & woman are elected to be a discriminating judge, not a plea dealing thug, who should be seeking truth in courtrooms. Something that is not happening in Nevada! (I have personally witnessed one of these above-listed judges asking the prisoner: "Why was he pleading guilty to a crime he obviously was not guilty of committing?" We all know the answer to this one: "His attorney was an incompetent, and was trying to escape an even greater sentence!" This is judicial incompetence? Aren't we Nevadan's proud? Where is the truth in this judiciary system?

A judge recognizing fear, intimidation and poor representation—should act as a judge and set this person free from such terrorism. Further, chastisement of this prosecutor should have been noted and charges brought on his judicial misconduct. (This is another subject that really needs to be brought out of the closet for their deceit and discrimination, but not the subject today.) It really is true: "What happens in Nevada—stays in Nevada." When this relates to prisoners in Nevada—it really has meaning. After all, we Nevadan's must uphold the honor of our state. We have the best run whorehouses in the country. What other state can boast of that industry? (Oops, I forgot, Nevada is the only state with that glorious industry.) I'm so proud I live in such a progressive state.

In conclusion, permit me to request these meeting come to an end, and get busy protecting citizens, and visitors, within Nevada's borders, by recommending healthy changes to this sham Prison, Parole & Judicial System, currently terrorizing this state. This police-packed committee knows it is time for change. Personally, I don't see it happening, but surprise me and the rest of the citizens of this state, and put this parasitic system out of business. This is wasted money that could be used for Nevada's children in education. One of the lowest education rates in the country. Another prideful observation on our wonderful "Law & Order" police-dedicated-state.

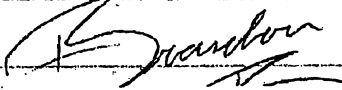
Prisoner advocates have been calling for an audit on this sump-hole system for years by an outside auditing firm. Not an internal audit by Nevada's paid employees. Get some truth in this audit, and then, start treating prisoners like human beings. This world has seen, and heard, enough of Russian type gulags. Or, Guantanamo Bay prisons, totally devoid of human rights. (And, Nevada's great prison system.) This committee has the political power to make change, but does this committee have the courage to change something so vile it pollutes the entire state in the eyes of the world? Yes, the world has heard of Nevada's treatment of human prisoners. Never again does this state have the right to criticize another country on their policies regarding human rights.

Committee members, you currently have prisoners suffering medical & dental problems now. Tell me, and the rest of the world—what are you going to do about this cowardly problem confronting many men & women as I write this memo today? It is past time to act. Do the right thing and stand up--put this human rights issue behind you and the state of Nevada today. It is the right thing to do...

*Donald Mosley, Jr.*

My name is Brandon Burguin # 1005213  
Cell 316. A mutual friend told me to  
get in contact with you about the  
medical & Dental situation here at High  
Desert. Now I was in a car  
accident prior to coming to prison  
I flew through a windshield and  
knocked my teeth out which caused  
me to have exposed nerves on my  
gum's. I was supposed to have  
surgery prior to coming to prison  
but got incarcerated. I got sent to  
Jean S.N.C.C I told them about my  
teeth and they told me there was  
nothing they can do about them. I  
now am at High Desert My teeth are  
hurting very bad so I wrote a Kite  
to the Dental and gave it to the  
nurse she laughed & told me she does  
think ~~they~~ they can do anything about  
them. So a day or so went by  
and no response. I then put in  
a emergency grievance about my  
teeth. They brought me a pain

pack and told me I'd be seen soon. This was about 5-6 weeks ago. after the emergency grievance I waited 2 week's still no response so I wrote another Kite to medical. They told me you'll be seen soon. Another 2 week's goes by so I put in another Kite they sent it back and said I'll be seen when my name pops up on a list. To this time I still haven't been seen it's outrageous how they treat us inmates here at High Desert I hope you can use this letter in your cause to help us inmates here in the Nevada prison system to get the medical/dental attention we need and deserve. Thank you very much for your time and effort to help us inmates.

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MR. HINTON,

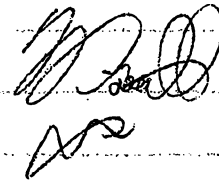
Hello, I am a CONVICT currently being housed here at High Desert State Prison. I was brought here from ESP along with a group of other men following a investigation of the medical dept. Look up [www.prisonlegalnews.org](http://www.prisonlegalnews.org) and you'll find an article there about it. Look, Barren like mine is a tragic story no question, and is not the only one. Right now I'm in a situation if I don't get med-care soon I will die! It started out as something that was probably minor, but long term negligence has lead to severe kidney pain along with a host of other symptoms. We thought we were brought here to get med-care, but we been seven months and nothing. Now if I can get my med situation in order I have my own money and motivation to help organize something relevant along the lines of



Notes  
I am  
writing  
to you  
because  
I have no  
family or  
friends on  
the outside  
to help me  
and I'm in  
a desperate  
situation.

prisoners rights, and a Nevada prison news letter.  
All I need is to link up with serious minded volunteers out  
there to put it together. But right now I need help on  
this med thing. Some people to call the warden and  
director of prisons on my behalf to get something done,  
demand that we get the med-cart we were brought here  
to get. If you can help with this, I will truly be grateful,  
and maybe we can work together later on these things  
I've mentioned. I don't know much about what you do  
except that you're supposed to be head of a project to help  
people in prison. If you have any questions let me know,  
and you can tell me about what it is exactly that you do.

Respectfully.



P.N.

Warden Dwight Neven (H.D.S.P.) # 702-879-6789

Director NDOC, Howard Skolnik # 777-887-3216

MARVIEZ V. ALEXANDER # 44839

HIGH DESERT STATE PRISON

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APRIL 02, 2008

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RE: JUDICIAL COMMITTEE MEETING (APRIL 14, 2008)

Dear Mr. Hinton.

I was recently informed by Mr. Timothy Connors of your agenda regarding the Nevada Department of Corrections and the Department of Parole and Probation.

Although I cannot assist you with the Department of Parole and Probation, I believe I can be your most valuable asset in regards to the Nevada Department of Corrections.

Since I have been incarcerated for nearly 15 years and a resident of High Desert State Prison for nearly five years, I have acquired extensive knowledge in the Administrative Rules and Regulations (AR's) and the Institutional Procedures of H.D.S.P.

As well, my certification as a Paralegal would assist you in this righteous war. I am aware of each and every cruel and unusual violation

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RE: NEVADA DEPT OF CORRECTIONS

JULY 30<sup>th</sup>, 2008

DONALD HINTON,

MY NAME IS RONALD ROSSI. CURRENTLY I AM AN INMATE INCARCERATED AT NORTHERN NEVADA CORRECTIONAL CENTER IN CARSON CITY. PRIOR TO BEING MOVED TO THE NORTHERN REGION FOR SURGE<sup>RY</sup> I HAD ONE MONTH AGO, I HAD BEEN AT BOTH HIGH DESERT STATE PRISON AND SOUTHERN DESERT CORRECTIONAL FACILITY FOR THE PAST 2 1/2 YEARS. I WILL BE BRIEF. I HAVE READ SOME ARTICLES YOU HAVE WRITTEN DEALING WITH YOUR SON AND THE OVERALL WAYS AND OPERATIONS OF THE N.D.O.C.

I AM EXTREMELY INTERESTED IN KNOWING MORE ABOUT THE SPARTACUS PROJECT OF NEVADA, HOW I CAN GET INVOLVED AND CONTINUING AN ADVOCACY ONCE I AM RELEASED. THE PUBLIC DOES NEED TO KNOW. I'VE BEEN IN LITIGATION FOR 18 MONTHS WITH A 42-U.S.C 1983 CIVIL CASE AGAINST N.D.O.C. FOR MEDICAL CARE I WOULD CERTAINLY APPRECIATE ANY INFORMATION YOU CAN PROVIDE ME IN MAKING A DIFFERENCE. I LOOK FORWARD TO HEARING FROM YOU. SINCERELY,

Ronald O Rossi #89763  
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CARSON CITY, NV. 89702-7000



that the N.D.O.C. and H.D.S.P. is forcing the general population to suffer.

Unfortunately, due to the urgency of this missive, I do not have the time to go into details on each and every violation; but, I am providing you with a small list of issues that I can elaborate on if you could submit my name to the committee for an interview. The issues are as follows:

1. Inadequate Medical Treatment;
2. Insufficient feeding leading to malnutrition;
3. Unsanitary eating environment;
4. Mishandling of Inmates' Personal Property;
5. Denial of Adequate Access to the Courts;
6. Unconstitutional Disciplinary Proceedings;
7. Inadequate Access to Religious Services;
8. An unsafe living environment created by Warden Neven and Baca;
9. Group Punishment vs. Legitimate Penological Interests;
10. Arbitrary and Capricious violation of Rules by Officers;
11. Denial of Adequate Recreation time and space;
12. Inappropriate Treatment of Inmate Visitors;
13. Mishandling, loss and delay of privileged and personal correspondence;
14. Incompetent and untrained employees; and,
15. Insufficient Grievance Procedures.

As I said, this is a small list of which I have intimate knowledge of; and, I hope this will help you help us.

Respectfully,



Mr. Narvies V. Alexander

4/02/08

Dear Director Hinton:

I'm an inmate incarcerated at HDSP. I'm requesting information about the Spartacus Project & Nevada. I just came into the knowledge of Spartacus this date. I have a lot of information I feel would be pertinent to you about what's going on here at HDSP/NDoc. I would also like to be present and placed on the list for the April 14, 2008 meeting with state officials here at HDSP. I feel I have a lot to offer to help improve the horrible living conditions here at HDSP/NDoc.

Sincerely,

Darryl L. White  
NDoc #59060

Darryl:  
The Comands didn't have  
the courage to face the  
victims of NDoc. This  
commitment is a farce!  
D. Hinton

8-10-08  
Sunday

MR. Hinton,

My name is Kevin Gill earlier in the year I contacted in hopes that you would've been able to help me with the few problems I'm having concerning getting some proper medical care. At the time of my last letter you were preparing to go to the Prison Commissioners meeting and was planning to take my letter with you. I don't know whatever came about it.

MR Hinton I could really use your help or maybe you could point me in the right direction to get someone to help me. I've been having chest pains instead of state allowing me to see someone that could tell me what's going on they have me going among themselves and everyone guessing about what could be the ~~the~~ cause of the problem and experimenting on me. I need help before my chest pain get really serious maybe fatal. so if there anything you could do or someone else, please do.

Thank you for your time and understanding. Hope to hear from you soon

Respectfully

Kevin Gill

*[Signature]*

Return Address

Kevin Gill #89919

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June 30 2008

Dear Sir,

I'm writing you this letter with the hope of getting some help. My name is John Arpino, I'm a 48 year old white male who is serving a 15 to 48 month sentence. My problem is im in severe pain daily. About 5 months ago i broke my left arm. When i saw the doctor at Spring Mountain Hospital. I was told that if it didn't heal in a couple of weeks i would need a operation to fix the problem. Since then i have written 6 request to the medical dept. here and received no reply!

I also have a heart condition with a pacemaker in place. I have a high threshold for pain but this is ridiculous if lucky i will get 2 hours of sleep a day. This is far above the category of severe <sup>cruel</sup> pain and unusual punishment.

Please if at all possible. Refer me to a Lawyer for a possible civil litigation or direct me to getting some help.

John F. Arpino  
DOC # 1018089

Respectfully  
John F. Arpino

On 5-7-08

I wrote stating that about 4 mos ago I fell and fractured my arm it never healed I Am in constant pain Please operate and pin thank you  
5/9/08

Answer will schedule next available  
Appt on Mondays

On 5-12-08

I wrote Please reply my last Appt about 4 months ago I fractured it and it never healed I Am in constant pain Answer I will will make an Appt.

for you ASAP on 5-18-08  
The Appt I have not received  
Any return yet

On 6-30-08 I wrote this is the #6 notice my Arm is fractured it needs to be fixed This is beyond cruel and unusual punishment! Please fix my Arm Thank you

Answer schedule in clinic 6-27-08

I wrote and sent this on 6-30 How could I have been scheduled for 6-27

The other letters were dated

5-17-08 5-20-08 And 5-22-08  
+ plus in sending one out tonight  
07-06-08