

# Death row inmates challenge solitary confinement

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HARRISBURG, Pa. — Five death row inmates sued Pennsylvania prison officials on Thursday, challenging a policy that keeps the convicts isolated most of the time and calling the practice degrading and inhumane.

The federal lawsuit asks the court to end mandatory, indefinite solitary confinement for the 156 men on death row at Graterford and Greene state prisons.

The lawsuit said death row inmates are locked up alone 22 to 24 hours each day, and their small cells are kept illuminated at all hours.

“The devastating effects of such prolonged isolation are well known among mental health experts, physicians and human rights experts in the United States and around the world,” the lawsuit said. “It is established beyond dispute that solitary confinement puts prisoners at risk of substantial physical, mental and emotional harm.”

The lawsuit seeks class-action status as well as a declaration that the solitary policy violates constitutional protection against cruel and unusual punishment and violates the guarantee of due process.

A Corrections Department spokeswoman said officials have begun making changes that will let death row inmates have more time outside of their cells. She



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This AP file photo shows an aerial view of Graterford State Prison in Graterford, Pa.

said all death row inmates with serious mental illnesses are currently permitted time out of their cells to receive therapeutic treatment services.

The defendants are the Corrections secretary and the wardens at Graterford and Greene.

The inmates who sued — Anthony Reid, 50; Ricardo Natividad, 49; Mark Newton Spotz, 46; Ronald Gibson, 49; and Jermont Cox, 46 — have spent between 16 and 27 years on the state’s death row. The lawsuit said the state has not provided a meaningful way for them to challenge their confinement conditions.

The inmates say they are kept segregated inside cells

the size of a parking space. They can exercise in small, outdoor enclosures for no more than two hours during weekdays but are kept in their cells around-the-clock on weekends, unless they have a visitor. They change cells every three months.

The men may not participate in prison vocational, recreational or educational programs, nor can they join in any communal worship.

The Marshall Project reported earlier this year that 20 of the 31 death penalty states allow death row inmates fewer than four hours of recreation outside their cells each day.

Pennsylvania has executed three people since 1976, all of whom had

voluntarily given up on their appeals. The state’s death row has been shrinking, as fewer death sentences are being imposed and appeals have resulted in some death row inmates being resented to life.

Democratic Gov. Tom Wolf announced a death penalty moratorium soon after he took office three years ago, saying he was concerned about “a flawed system that has been proven to be an endless cycle of court proceedings as well as ineffective, unjust, and expensive.”

Wolf has said the moratorium will say in place until a state Senate-commissioned study of capital punishment is complete.

## PUBLIC SAFETY LOG

### THURSDAY

4:46 a.m. - Oregon State Police responded to a crash on icy Highway 11 near milepost 21. A 46-year-old Sherwood man suffered minor injuries when he rolled in a gold Mazda pickup. An ambulance took him to Providence St. Mary Medical Center, Walla Walla.

7:32 a.m. - Icy conditions contributed to a second crash, this time on the east-bound side of Interstate 84 near milepost 214. Oregon State Police reported the 64-year-old woman lost control of a red Jeep Cherokee on the slick surface and suffered minor injuries when the vehicle rolled. An ambulance took her to St. Anthony Hospital, Pendleton.

7:45 a.m. - And a third crash on icy roads involved two vehicles, according to Oregon State Police. The driver of a Toyota station wagon lost control on Highway 11 near milepost 32 and collided with a Ford Ranger that was on the side of the road. Neither driver was injured, and they drove their vehicles from the scene.

7:58 a.m. - Someone threw an egg at a teacher on the 10 block of Southwest Eighth Avenue, Milton-Freewater.

12:20 p.m. - A Hermiston officer responded to East Newport Avenue on a dog complaint.

12:29 p.m. - Umatilla police responded to Pine Tree Avenue and Powerline Road on a dog complaint.

1:32 p.m. - Two male bird dogs prompted a Heppner resident on Highway 207 to call the law. She said she feared the dogs would harm her chickens. Morrow County sheriff’s deputies did not find the dogs.

2:46 p.m. - A caller from the high school in Irigon reported telephonic harassment. The Morrow County Sheriff’s Office began an investigation.

4:28 p.m. - Hermiston police responded to a report of a vicious dog on East Montana Avenue but did not find the mutt.

7:10 p.m. - The Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office received a 911 call to check on a female in the road at South First Street and East Feedville Road.

7:49 p.m. - A caller reported the theft of a 2002 red Honda Accord from Frontage Road, Hermiston.

9:04 p.m. - A Stanfield woman on Willow Drive told police her ex-boyfriend was driving a silver Ford Focus in front of her house. He was gone by the time police arrived. Let’s hope he stays gone.

### FRIDAY

4:51 a.m. - Hermiston police responded to a burglary on the 2100 block of Northwest Overlook Drive.

### ARRESTS, CITATIONS

**Thursday**  
•Hermiston police arrested Dashawn Marquic Hudson, 34, of Portland, for driving while suspended or revoked, felony possession of methamphetamine and tampering with a witness.

**Friday**  
•Pendleton police arrested Teeman Eli Jackson, 25, no address provided, for driving under the influence of intoxicants (alcohol) and property hit and run.

## COURTS

### SENTENCES

**PENDLETON — The following felony sentences have been imposed in Umatilla County courts:**

•Jacob Stan Warren, 23, Eugene, pleaded guilty to two counts of Aggravated Harassment and two counts of Failure to Appear I: sentenced to 5 years probation, 180 sanction units, 90 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service and \$200 fine for each count.

•Darlene Mae Mock, 59, Hermiston, pleaded guilty to three counts of Identity Theft: sentenced to 13 months Oregon Dept. of Corrections (DOC), 1 year post-prison supervision for each count, and \$191 restitution.

•Devin Kekoa Meyers, 28, Pendleton, pleaded guilty to Burglary II: sentenced to 18 months Oregon DOC, 1 year probation and \$650 restitution.

•Ezequiel Alatorre, 22, Umatilla, pleaded guilty to two counts of Possession of Forged Instrument I: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, 100 hours community service, and \$200 fine for each count.

•Tiffany Lily Robbins, 28, Pilot Rock, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 18 months probation, 90 sanction units, 30 maximum jail units, \$600 fine, \$900 fine and 6 months driver’s license suspension, plus court costs and fees (conditional discharge).

•Alejandro Adrian Ureno-Alvarez, 38, Weston, pleaded guilty to Possession of Methamphetamine: sentenced to 16 months Oregon DOC, 2 years post-prison supervision and \$200 fine.

•Derek Ryan Miller, 36, Pendleton, pleaded guilty to Coercion: sentenced to 24 months Oregon DOC and 2 years post-prison supervision; pleaded guilty to Attempt to Commit Class A Felony-domestic violence: sentenced

to 5 years probation and 100 hours community service.

### SUITS FILED

**PENDLETON — The following suits have been filed in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•Discover Bank vs. Jason R. Lybrand of Pendleton: seeks \$8,871.01.

•Capital One Bank vs. Keith L. Weaver: seeks \$7,660.58.

•Wells Fargo Bank N.A. vs. Robert L. and Jacqueline D. Herrera of Hermiston and all others claiming right, title, lien or interest: seeks \$201,895.34.

•Midland Funding LLC vs. Angela Turner: seeks \$808.64.

•United Finance Co. vs. Justin and Jeffrey Barnes of Pendleton: seeks \$2,146.80.

•United Finance Co. vs. Timothy Becker and Pamela Harmon of Pendleton: seeks \$3,039.95.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Paul Bassett of Pendleton: seeks \$244.22.

•Bonneville Billing & Collections Inc. vs. Tyson Cross of Pendleton: seeks \$406.58.

•United Finance Co. vs. Kathryn Cram of Echo: seeks \$6,209.05.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Lazaro Rodriguez and Metodía Contreras of Hermiston: seeks \$906.51.

•Credits Inc. vs. David Silva Jr. and Alma Silva of Hermiston: seeks \$611.36.

•Credits Inc. vs. Malhia R. Zink (Lieualen) of Weston: seeks \$3,343.16.

•Credits Inc. vs. Rafael Muñoz Jr. and Teresita Flores Zaragoza of Hermiston: seeks \$731.79.

•Credits Inc. vs. Mattias A. Rahm of Hermiston: seeks \$1,935.28.

•Credits Inc. vs. Paul H. Richards Jr. of Pendleton: seeks \$692.57.

•Quick Collect Inc. vs. Jesse V. and Elvera J. Walling of

Hermiston: seeks \$380.60.

### JUDGMENTS

**PENDLETON — The following judgments have been rendered in Umatilla County courts (interest, court costs and fees not listed):**

•United Finance Co. vs. Calvin Dorgan of Pendleton: judgment for \$4,001.47.

•LVNV Funding LLC vs. Scott Smith of Echo: judgment for \$779.32.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Norma Rauch of Hermiston: judgment for \$4,231.01.

•Cavalry SPV I LLC vs. Mary Forman of Hermiston: judgment for \$923.22.

•Credits Inc. vs. Taylor Towing and Recovery LLC of Pendleton: judgment for \$6,150.24.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kristy and Sean Black of Pilot Rock: judgment for \$816.09.

•Credits Inc. vs. Kasey Pankey of Umatilla: judgment for \$5,013.11.

•Credits Inc. vs. Scott McCorkle of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,800.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Pedro Muñoz (Munoz-Sanguino) of Hermiston: judgment for \$6,989.13.

•Credits Inc. vs. Sara L. Brooks and Christopher Foreman of Hermiston: judgment for \$1,242.55.

•Credits Inc. vs. Elizabeth Flores of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$1,506.09.

•Credits Inc. vs. Diana and Charles Evens of Hermiston: judgment for \$2,181.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Raul Ibarra Perez of Walla Walla: judgment for \$825.69.

•Crown Asset Management LLC vs. Patricia Doney of Umatilla: judgment for \$2,408.10.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Antonio Ponce Jr. of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$326.61.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Teresa M. Trotti-

er of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$805.90.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Teresa and Angel Urincho of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$178.18.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Monica Benefit of Pendleton: judgment for \$129.09.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Kimberly A. Caldwell-Haight of Pendleton: judgment for \$211.80.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Ramiro M. and Isabel Hernandez of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$733.27.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Shannon Alen-Harrell of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$4,745.63.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Heath Sanders of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$963.31.

•United Finance Co. vs. Brandon and Alana Wilson of Boardman: judgment for 2,774.03.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Troy R. Moore of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$4,259.93.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Mark and Jennifer S. Rosser of Pendleton: judgment for \$1,076.51.

## Umatilla County Sheriff’s Office

# WARRANTS

Saturday, Jan. 27, 2018



**Christopher Jason Forman**  
Age: 42 Sex: M  
FTA (Failure to Appear), Possession of methamphetamine  
Bail: \$10,000  
Last known location: Hermiston



**George Anthony Martin**  
Age: 59 Sex: M  
FTA, Possession of stolen vehicle  
Bail: \$160,000  
Last known location: Milton-Freewater



**Richard Ray Moffett**  
Age: 55 Sex: M  
PV (Probation Violation), Criminal trespass  
Bail: \$40,000  
Last known location: Pilot Rock



**Marcos Carballido Mosso**  
Age: 30 Sex: M  
FTA, Possession of methamphetamine, criminal trespass  
Bail: \$20,000  
Last known location: Hermiston



**Ruben Villagrana Navarrete**  
Age: 31 Sex: M  
FTA, Identity theft, DUII, forgery  
Bail: \$50,000  
Last known location: Hermiston



**Sarah Ann Pierre**  
Age: 39 Sex: F  
PV, Possession of methamphetamine, failure to appear  
No bail  
Last known location: Pendleton



**Lucas Anthony Regian**  
Age: 23 Sex: M  
FTA, Theft  
Bail: \$100,000  
Last known location: Salem



**Larell Laray Robinson**  
Age: 44 Sex: M  
FTA, Burglary, criminal mischief, theft  
Bail: \$30,000  
Last known location: Portland



**Nolberto Velazquez Rosas**  
Age: 34 Sex: M  
FTA, DUII, reckless driving, driving while suspended/revoked  
Bail: \$40,000  
Last known location: Prosser, WA



**Charles Thomas Estes**  
Age: 55 Sex: M  
Harassment  
Bail: \$5,000  
Last known location: Lakebay, WA

Warrants on the above persons were active at the time the list was created, however wanted status is subject to change at any time. If whereabouts are known, please report immediately to law enforcement by calling our 24 hours dispatch center at 541-966-3651 or by calling 911 if an emergency.

•Collection Bureau of Walla Walla Inc. vs. Miguel A. and Consuelo Perez of Milton-Freewater: judgment for \$89.46.

**MARRIAGES**  
**PENDLETON — Marriage licenses have been registered in Umatilla County for:**

Jesus Uriel De La Rosa Romero, 25, and Valeria Gomez Esquivel, 25, both of Hermiston.

Jimmy Radillo, 21, and Guadalupe A. Gamos Rodriguez, 24, both of Hermiston.

Ryan Davis Secakuku, 26, and Darian Larain Bill, 24, both of Pendleton.

Alberto Varela Ruiz, 55, and Normalcia Garay Arellano, 58, both of Hermiston.

Maxwell Martin Creek Jr., 53, and Michelle Lynn Wilkins, 53, both of Milton-Freewater.

**DIVORCES**  
**PENDLETON — Divorce decrees were signed in Umatilla County Courts for:**

Paul S. Wright of Pendleton and Tracy L. Wright of Live Oak, Texas; Melissa Jo Martinez of Irrigon and Anthony David Martinez of Hermiston; Jeremy Scott McCroskey of Milton-Freewater and Melissa Patton-McCroskey of Spokane.

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**1/26-28**  
**Cineplex Show Times**

**\$5 Classic Movie**  
**1/31 12:00 PM**  
**Prince of Tides**

**Maze Runner: The Death Cure (PG13)**  
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**Hostiles (R)**  
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**The Greatest Showman (PG)**  
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