

INFORMATION ABOUT THE NAMED PLAINTIFFS

Charlene Liberty is a thirty-six-year-old woman diagnosed with SPMI by RIDOC, and who has a history of depression, head injury, substance use disorder, learning disabilities, and childhood trauma. The conditions in solitary confinement have driven Ms. Liberty to engage in serious self-injurious behaviors, including multiple suicide attempts. Exacerbating her mental health problems, Defendants have also pepper sprayed Ms. Liberty as a result of these self-injurious behaviors while in solitary, and have placed her in leg shackles and belly chains. She has been sanctioned with solitary confinement for attempting suicide.

John DaPonte is a fifty-one-year-old man with a diagnosis of SPMI and epilepsy from RIDOC. As a result of disciplinary sanctions, he was given a sentence of 365 days in solitary in August 2017, and then kept in solitary under the rubric of “administrative confinement.” While in solitary, he experiences increased symptoms and greater difficulties managing his mental illness and is unable to access either adequate mental health care, including individualized therapy, or the art classes he finds therapeutic.

John Davis is a forty-six-year-old man with a history of psychosis and a diagnosis of SPMI from RIDOC. During his incarceration, Defendants have repeatedly placed Mr. Davis in solitary confinement where he experiences auditory and visual hallucinations, as well as suicidal ideation due to the conditions of confinement.

Duane Gomes is a twenty-four-year-old man diagnosed with SPMI by RIDOC, and who has a history of learning disabilities and mental health hospitalization in the community. When Mr. Gomes was held pre-trial at the Intake Service Center, he was placed in solitary confinement as a result of incurring over 190 days of disciplinary sanctions. After he was moved to the Maximum Security facility, he continued to be placed in solitary, having accumulated over two years of disciplinary sanctions for multiple behavioral issues related to his mental illness.

Adam Hanrahan is a thirty-four-year-old man diagnosed with SPMI by RIDOC and a recent history of cancer. He has a history of suicide attempts, auditory hallucinations, and paranoia. He has engaged in self-injurious behavior for which he was placed in solitary, and has experienced hallucinations and depression when so confined.

Charles Kenner is a twenty-six-year-old man with a history of treatment for SPMI both as a child and in RIDOC. Defendants prescribe him anti-depressants and anti-psychotic medications. Since 2013, he has been subjected to significant amounts of time in solitary confinement, including sanctions to over 365 days of disciplinary confinement for multiple infractions. While in solitary confinement, he experiences heightened mental health symptoms, including greater difficulties controlling his behavior and suicidal ideation.