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ZOFIA LAZARSKA, individually and as Administrator  
*ad prosequendum* for the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, the  
ESTATE OF JACEK LAZARSKI,  
Plaintiffs,

v.

THE COUNTY OF UNION, THE COUNTY OF UNION  
JAIL, a department of the County of Union, HAROLD  
GIBSON, individually, under color of State law, and in  
his official capacity as the director of Public Safety for  
the County of Union, FRANK CROSE, individually,  
under color of State law, and in his official capacity as  
the Director of the Union County Jail, GRACE JAKA (or  
SAKA), L.P.N., individually, under color of State law,  
and in her official capacity as an employee, healthcare  
professional, supervisor or other agent of entity  
defendants, ERNESTINE CARTER, R.N., individually,  
under color of State law, and in her official capacity as  
an employee, healthcare professional, supervisor or  
other agent of entity defendants, PATRICIA M. WEST,  
R.N., individually, under color of State law, and in her  
official capacity as an employee, healthcare professional,  
supervisor or other agent of entity defendants, DR.  
RODEMAR PEREZ, individually, under color of State  
law, and in his official capacity as an employee,  
healthcare professional, supervisor or other agent of  
entity defendants, JOHN REDLING, individually, under  
color of State law, and in his official capacity as  
Administrator of the entity defendants,  
CORRECTIONAL HEALTH SERVICES, INC.,  
TRINITAS HOSPITAL (formerly known as St. Elizabeth  
Hospital), XYZ ENTITIES and CORPORATIONS (1-10),  
individually, under color of State law, and in their  
official capacity, JOHN or JANE DOE, individually,  
under color of State law, and in their official capacity as  
Medical Director at the Union County Jail, JOHN or  
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in their official capacity as Warden at the Union County  
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AND JANE MOES, individually, under color of State  
law, and in their official capacity as healthcare and jail  
care employees, professionals, supervisors or other  
agents of entity defendants, as shown in Exhibit A  
annexed to the Complaint, which are illegible,

Defendants.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
FOR THE DISTRICT OF NEW JERSEY

Civil Action No. 04-2602  
(CW HW)

SUMMONS IN A CIVIL ACTION

TO: The County of Union

YOU ARE HEREBY SUMMONED and required to file with the Clerk of this Court and serve upon:

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an Answer to the Complaint which is herewith served upon you, within twenty (20) days after service of this summons upon you, exclusive of the day of service. If you fail to do so, judgment by default will be taken against you for the relief demanded in the complaint.

**WILLIAM T. WALSH**

Clerk

Date

6-15-02

**DIANNE C. RICHARDS**

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By Deputy Clerk

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COMPLAINT AND  
DEMAND FOR JURY TRIAL

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their official capacities as employees, healthcare :  
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law, and in their official capacity as healthcare :  
and jail care employees, professionals, :  
supervisors or other agents of entity defendants, :  
as shown in Exhibit A annexed to the :  
Complaint, which are illegible, :  
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Defendants. :

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Zofia Lazarska, individually and as Administrator *ad prosequendum* for the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, residing at 1041 Wellington Avenue in the Township of Toms River, County of Ocean, State of New Jersey 08757, by way of Complaint against the above-listed defendants, hereby says:

### JURISDICTION AND VENUE

1. This action is brought pursuant to 42 U.S.C. §1983 and the Fourteenth Amendment to the United States Constitution and under the laws and Constitution of the State of New Jersey to redress plaintiff's rights, privileges and immunities. Supplemental jurisdiction of State law claims is based herein pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §1367(a).

1b. Venue is proper in this district under 28 U.S.C. §1391(b).

### INTRODUCTION

2. This case involves the death of a 21-year-old detainee housed in the Union County Jail because of the failure of all healthcare providers and all defendants performing a governmental function and service with willful and wanton disregard to the health and the rights of citizens. Essentially, this case involved the death of a young man for a motor vehicle

offense at a time in New Jersey where not one convicted murderer has been executed. The defendants ignored a serious medical need and caused unnecessary and wanton infliction of pain resulting in death by having a pattern, custom and policy of deliberate indifference on an ongoing basis to the needs of serious medical needs of incarcerated persons. Numerous jail deaths have occurred, including two on the same day in the County of Union for which the defendants maintain a blind eye. This complaint seeks to have the governmental entities remedy these practices.

### THE PARTIES

3. Jacek Lazarski (hereinafter "Lazarski"), deceased, whose date of birth was October 7, 1980, was at all times relevant, a resident of the City of Elizabeth, County of Union, State of New Jersey, until the time of his death.

4. Zofia Lazarska (hereinafter "Lazarska"), was the mother of Lazarski and was appointed Administrator *ad prosequendum* of the Estate of Jacek Lazarski and is a resident of the State of New Jersey.

5. Defendant County of Union is a county body organized and existing under the laws of the State of New Jersey, and is a public employer of the Corrections Officers, Sheriff's Officers and other non-uniformed personnel of persons working in and for the County and its jail.

6. Defendant Harold Gibson, individually, under color of State law and in his official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, the Director of Public Safety for the County of Union and, as such, had overall responsibility for directing the Union County Jail and what occurred therein.

7. Defendant Union County Jail is at all times relevant herein, a department within the County of Union, which was responsible for the detention, housing and care of Lazarski.

8. Defendant Frank Crose, individually, under color of State law and in his official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, the Director of the Union County Jail, which was responsible for the detention, housing and care of Lazarski.

9. Defendant Grace Jaka (or Saka), L.P.N., individually, under color of State law and in her official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, an employee, healthcare professional, supervisor or other agent of entity defendants. Ms. Jaka (or Saka) prepared the "suicide intake" of Lazarski for the defendants.

10. Defendant Ernestine Carter, R.N., individually, under color of State law and in her official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, an employee, healthcare professional, supervisor or other agent of entity defendants. Ms. Carter had responsibility for Lazarski at the time of his death for the defendants.

11. Defendant Patricia M. West, R.N., individually, under color of State law and in her official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, an employee, healthcare professional, supervisor or other agent of entity defendants. Ms. West had responsibility for the medical and/or healthcare and other health-related procedures at the Union County Jail for the entity defendants.

12. Defendant Dr. Rodemar Perez, individually, under color of State law and in his official capacity, was at all times relevant herein, an employee, healthcare professional, supervisor or other agent of entity defendants. Dr. Perez "treated" Lazarski for the entity defendants.

13. Defendant John Redling, individually, under color of State law, and in his official capacity as Administrator of entity defendants.

14. Defendant Correctional Health Services, Inc. is a corporation within the State of New Jersey, which was responsible for providing medical care to the inmates of the Jail, among

other County jails as a contractor for the County of Union and provides the governmental service of healthcare in the jail and therefore, operates individually and under color of state law and/or in the county's official capacity.

15. Defendant, Trinitas Hospital (formerly known as St. Elizabeth Hospital) and is the only hospital utilized by contract service by the County of Union and its jail and the City of Elizabeth to provide medical services and other healthcare services and therefore, operates individually and under color of state law and/or in an official governmental service capacity.

16. Defendants XYZ Entities and Corporations (1-10), individually, under color of State law and in their official capacity, were at all times relevant herein present employers or supervisory employers, as yet unidentified, that may be found to have been responsible for the actions that are the subject matter of this Complaint, including but not limited to medical and/or healthcare professionals or other professionals who attended to Lazarski, operating individually and under color of state law and/or in an official governmental capacity.

17. Defendants John or Jane Does (1-100), individually, under color of State law, and in their official capacity, were at all times relevant herein present employees or supervisory employees, as yet unidentified, that may be found to have been responsible for the actions that are the subject matter of this Complaint.

18. Defendants John or Jane Does, individually, under color of State law, and in their official capacity as Medical Director at the Union County Jail, were at all times relevant herein present employees or supervisory employees, as yet unidentified, that may be found to have been responsible for the actions that are the subject matter of this Complaint.

19. Defendants John or Jane Does, individually, under color of State law, and in their official capacity as Warden at the Union County Jail, were at all times relevant herein present

employees or supervisory employees, as yet unidentified, that may be found to have been responsible for the actions that are the subject matter of this Complaint.

20. Defendants Dr. John and Dr. Jane Does, individually, under color of State law, and in their official capacities as employees, healthcare professionals, supervisors or other agents hired by the Union County Jail, were at all times relevant herein present employees or supervisory employees, as yet unidentified, that may be found to have been responsible for the actions that are the subject matter of this Complaint.

21. Defendants John and Jane Moes, individually, under color of State law, and in their official capacity, were at all times relevant herein, healthcare and jail care employees, professionals, supervisors or other agents of entity defendants, as shown in the attached **Exhibit A**, which are illegible.

22. All defendants are policymakers pursuant to federal law for federal claims and claims under 42 U.S.C. §1983 *et seq.*

#### **FACTUAL ALLEGATIONS**

23. On or about June 28, 2002, Lazarski was arrested by the City of Elizabeth Police Department on an outstanding warrant for driving with a revoked license. Upon information and belief, Lazarski was placed in the City of Elizabeth municipal jail cell until he was transferred to the Union County Jail.

24. Shortly thereafter, Lazarski was taken to the Union County Jail where he was processed for incarceration. All inmates were to be processed by Runnells Specialized Hospital. However, no proper medical or psychological assessment was performed of Lazarski from the time of his arrest.

25. Almost immediately after his arrest and transfer to the Union County Jail, Lazarski was taken to the Emergency Room at Trinitas Hospital and subsequently admitted to



the hospital and/or its intensive care unit as he was suffering from depression, possible seizures, prescription drug complications and possible methadone withdrawal. At the time of his depression for the incarceration, that Lazarski felt, it was well known by the defendants that persons incarcerated for minor violations are high risk subjects for the commission of suicide.

26. Shortly thereafter, Lazarski was admitted through the Emergency Room to the Intensive Care Unit of Trinitas Hospital and a brain scan was performed.

27. Lazarski had a lengthy history of depression and had been treated numerous times over the past year for depression and suicidal thoughts. At the time of his arrest, he had been prescribed and was taking several anti-depressants. Attached hereto as **Exhibit B** is a sampling of his medication for one drugstore. It is also believed that during prior incarcerations at the Union County Jail for minor infractions, Lazarski had been placed on suicide watch. Therefore, defendants knew or should have known that Lazarski was a suicidal threat.

28. On or about July 1, 2002, Lazarski was discharged from Trinitas Hospital and was released back into the custody of the jail. Upon his arrival at the Union County Jail, he was placed in a holding cell. At no time did any Union County police officer perform a check of Lazarski, as is required by the rules and regulations relating to incarcerations. In fact, while in the custody of the Union County Jail, Lazarski was placed under "ordinary watch" only, which meant that he was supposed to be checked every thirty minutes, even though he had been on suicide watch when he was previously in the Union County Jail.

29. In the early morning hours of July 2, 2002, Lazarski hung himself with the bed sheet. Upon finding Lazarski, the Jail attempted to give him oxygen to revive him but no one ever knew where the key to the oxygen tank was or how to get it. See document included in **Exhibit A** - "From the Desk of: Patricia M. West, RN, C., H.S.A., dated July 3, 2003, to Mr.

Frank Crose, Director and Mr. John Redling, Administrator. Subsequently thereafter, a death certificate was issued by Dr. Carlos Fonseca, medical examiner for the County of Union, who issued the cause of death as "Cerebral anoxia and hanging.

30. Unlike the State of New York, New Jersey has no Statewide Commission to review, monitor, analyze, correct and prevent jail deaths from either suicides or improper medical care that would result in either death or suicide. New York State maintains the Medical Review Board and other such boards, which have been established for over twenty-five years to monitor such situations. In fact, in New York City, for instance, in the year 2002, no inmates committed suicide. When a spike did occur, jail officials immediately reviewed and took new and appropriate preventive measures which included the use of paper instead of cotton bed sheets, replacing 1,900 ventilation screens with collapsible screens and other issues regarding collapsible lighting fixtures, hidden fixtures, etc., because of the well-known fact that inmates, especially those incarcerated on relatively minor charges, have a higher degree of suicidal risk. See New York Times article entitled "Inmate Suicides Show a Spike at City Jails," annexed hereto as **Exhibit C**.

31. There has been a history of medical-related and/or medical-evaluation problems at the Union County Jail, including but not limited to, deaths by suicide. On the Sunday Mr. Lazarski died, another inmate at the Union County Jail, Greg Knable, also committed suicide. Additionally, prior to Lazarski's death, on July 22, 1999, another inmate, Cos Harris, died in the Union County Jail when he also hanged himself from a bed sheet from the grill of an air vent. See newspaper article from The Star Ledger dated July 9, 2002 annexed hereto as **Exhibit D**.

32. The Union County Jail has had several other jail deaths prior to the death of Mr. Lazarski, including but not limited to the death of Darryl Byron relating hypertension, sepsis, septic shock, and bacterial infection due to tooth extraction in a splenectomized patient. Mr.

Byron was in renal failure died on June 17, 1999. An external examination was done by Carlos Fonseca, medical examiner for the County of Union, who diagnosed Mr. Byron's cause of death as "sepsis due to diabetes mellitus."

33. In December 1998, the County announced that it would begin private medical care. The County had announced that prisoners would have to undergo a preliminary examination by a jail physician with "up to date diagnostic tools." According to the County's own press announcement, a doctor and nurse, along with an X-ray machine and other equipment, would be available around the clock beginning on January 1, 1999, when Correctional Health Services, Inc. of Verona, New Jersey, was to take over staffing at the jail. The County further indicated that it would work with the staff of Runnells Hospital in Berkeley Heights. See newspaper article from The Newark Star Ledger, dated December 24, 1998, annexed hereto as **Exhibit E**.

34. In fact, Correctional Health Services, Inc. has had reports of various problems dealing with medical care of inmates. In the County of Essex, Correctional Health Services was criticized by a special master, Ronald Shansky, a medical consultant brought in from Chicago, in litigation in federal court, for the shortage of registered nurses and Correctional Health Services' failure to recruit replacements that created problems with sick calls, distribution of medicine and monitoring patients with chronic illnesses. See newspaper article from the Associated Press dated June 20, 1997, annexed hereto as **Exhibit F**; see newspaper article from The New Jersey Law Journal dated November 8, 1999, annexed hereto as **Exhibit G**.

35. As set forth in the health care notes of the Union County Jail as provided to plaintiffs, an "evaluation" was done on Lazarski and it was communicated in that evaluation that Mr. Lazarski had, in the past, attempted suicide. Despite having this procedure in place,

however, the defendants failed to properly undertake the proper care and supervision of Lazarski.

36. The Union County Jail and/or any law enforcement agent that acts as a custodian for its detainees did not have training or adequate training of its agents as (a) the program did not prevent constitutional violations and the governmental decision-makers had been placed on notice by prior suicides and/or attempts to commit suicide and a new program and/or policy was called for; (b) the governmental decision-makers' continued adherence to an approach that they knew or should have known failed to prevent tortious conduct by its employees constitutes conscious disregard for an individual's constitutional rights; (c) the existence of a pattern of tortious conduct by inadequately trained employees was a force behind plaintiff's injuries; (d) the failure to properly enforce, supervise and/or impose its policies and procedures regarding suicidal inmates.

37. Trinitas Hospital is the sole hospital utilized for the care of Union County and Elizabeth municipal jail inmates and are responsible under a contractual or other direct obligation for medical services for both the City of Elizabeth and the County of Union. As such, it and its employees and agents are aware of the problems of jail deaths from either improper medical care, failure subsequent to release of proper monitoring of the inmate and also jail suicide. In addition thereto, in this case, Trinitas Hospital and its employees and agents had a specific awareness of the problems of Lazarski because he had been a patient there for over a year prior to his death for depression, suicidal tendencies and other medical problems. See bill from treatment of Mr. Lazarski in April 2001 attached hereto as **Exhibit H**.

38. Such conduct was grossly negligent and/or wantonly reckless and in willful and deliberate disregard of Lazarski's civil rights. Such conduct was in violation of policies and regulations applicable to individuals who are incarcerated and was in deliberate disregard for

Lazarski's serious medical needs/civil rights and constitutes willful and deliberate indifference so as to shock one's conscience.

39. The holding cells in the jail are supposedly monitored by video surveillance, with the monitors of the video cameras located in the main desk/dispatch area. It is important to monitor the holding cells for several reasons, including the prevention of suicide and the prompt response to any suicide attempts. The defendants herein were on notice of the danger of suicide and failed to have a procedure, policy or plan to remedy it.

40. The failure of defendants and that of its staff, agents and correctional officers were numerous. They included, but were not limited to (a) the defendants' failure to obtain any medical history and/or assessment and/or medical records and any previous psychological and/or medical and/or drug information from the prior law enforcement agencies; (b) the defendant's failure to conduct a proper physical and medical assessment of Lazarski when he was initially taken into its custody; (c) the defendants' failure to provide proper training relating to the proper assessment of the psychological and/or medical condition of Lazarski; (d) the defendants' failure failed to conduct a proper suicide assessment and monitoring plan. See copy of suicide assessment guidelines attached hereto as **Exhibit I**; (e) the defendants' failure to conduct proper drug dependency assessments and monitoring; (f) the defendants' failure to monitor Lazarski while he was in its custody pursuant to rules, regulation and policy; (g) the defendants' failure to place Lazarski on a heightened watch; (h) the defendants' failure to perform sufficient "checks" on Lazarski to prevent his death; (i) the defendants' failure failed to train its officers to properly monitor and check its inmates; (j) the defendants' failure to have a working oxygen tank accessible to its staff and one which was available in case of emergency without a key; and (k) the defendants' failure to train its staff regarding the procedure for access to life saving equipment.

41. The failure to defendants to properly care for Mr. Lazarski was so egregious as to constitute willful disregard and/or deliberate indifference to the rights of Lazarski and to shock the conscience.

42. The defendants herein all acted individually and under color of State law and were performing a governmental service for the care of persons who were deprived of freedom.

43. The defendants herein all acted as policymakers.

44. The defendants herein maintained a policy, custom or practice of deliberate indifference and/or willful disregard, which shocked the conscience with respect to the healthcare of inmates.

45. Under New Jersey regulations, medical assessment intakes of an inmate are mandatory. Despite the reasons for having the medical assessment intake, no municipal corporate defendants or governmental bodies or individuals who are defendants, trained, followed-up, monitored or supervised to determine whether or not the medical situation of any inmate was appropriate dealt with. This failure to train, supervise, etc., was so egregious so as to shock the conscience and constitute deliberate willful disregard and/or deliberate indifference to Mr. Lazarski's constitutional rights.

46. The defendants engage in a pattern of exhibiting deliberate and willful indifference to the rights of citizens.

47. The defendants maintain policies and procedures which encourage or engage in customs and practices equivalent to cruel and unusual punishment for pre-trial incarcerated in violation of the due process clause related to medical and psychological care.

48. The defendants have failed to independently investigate and discipline its employees and agents who engage in improper care of inmates even though it had been on

notice for years of problems with its incarceration procedures relating to medical care and follow-up of inmates.

49. As a result of the defendants' willful actions, indifference, and disregard, which would shock the conscience and because the acts and/or omissions pertaining to Lazarski were sufficiently harmful to his serious medical needs, he suffered pain and suffering which violated the standards of decency required for an inmate.

50. This gross and wanton negligence by the County of Union constitutes willful and/or gross negligence and/or willful disregard and/or deliberate indifference to Lazarski's civil rights.

51. These actions violate 42 U.S.C. §1983 because the actions of defendants violated the Constitution of the United States, denying plaintiff life, liberty and property and the pursuit of happiness and hence, 42 U.S.C. §1983.

52. All John and Jane Doe defendants, along with XYZ defendants engaged in conduct set forth above.

53. Tort Claims Notices were filed against the County of Union on September 27, 2002 and more than six (6) months have elapsed with no response.

#### COUNT I

#### VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. § 1983/FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT/ WILLFUL AND DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE

54. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

55. The acts of defendants named herein violated applicable standards of care, were grossly and professionally negligent, and/or were willful and wanton acts which were deliberated indifferent and evidence of willful disregard which would shock the conscience as to plaintiff's serious medical and other needs while in custody.

56. Defendants individually and under color of State law in their official capacity, deprived plaintiff of his constitutional and civil rights by, among other things, but not all inclusive:

- (1) improperly delaying or denying plaintiff access to adequate medical attention for his serious medical needs;
- (2) taking away and improperly denying plaintiff his constitutional right to due process;
- (3) improperly failing to train, monitor and supervise subordinates;
- (4) improperly failing to correct the willful disregard of the medical rights of the other defendants, previous employees or subordinates resulting in the death of Jacek Lazarski;
- (5) continuing, condoning encouraging and/or ratifying numerous actions relating to the failure to provide medical care and secured monitoring under the United States Constitution;
- (6) improperly screening, training, hiring, supervising and disciplining employees or other persons delegated the responsibility for the care of inmates;
- (7) violating appropriate governmental regulations based on inmates' constitutional right to medical care and other needs;
- (8) failure to properly investigate and/or discipline persons responsible for the care of inmates;
- (9) failed to protect Lazarski from harm equivalent to the subjection of cruel and unusual punishment that is required of a pre-trial inmate;
- (10) failure to exercise proper supervisory authority over those in control of Lazarski;



(11) the continuation of improper policy, custom and practice regarding medical care, supervision, treatment and monitoring of inmates;

(12) a violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983 by failing to follow the prescriptions of Monell;  
and

(13) failure to properly adopt or exercise and supervise a previously adopted *de facto* plan to screen all inmates for medical and psychological evaluations.

57. The above actions constitute a violation of the Civil Rights Act, 42 U.S.C. §1983 and a violation of Mr. Lazarski's civil and constitutional rights.

58. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

## COUNT II

### FOURTEENTH AMENDMENT DUE PROCESS CRUEL AND UNUSUAL PUNISHMENT

#### (Violation of the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution - Due Process Clause, Applying the Standards of the Eighth Amendment - Cruel and Unusual Punishment)

59. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

60. The County of Union violated Lazarski's Constitutional rights under the United States Constitution, in that a pre-trial detainee is entitled to the same rights as a convicted prison stemming from the Fourteenth Amendment of the United States Constitution - Due Process Clause. Here, the acts of the defendants for a serious medical condition established a

deliberate indifference, which equated plaintiff's treatment to cruel and unusual punishment in violation of the Eight Amendment to the United States Constitution.

61. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

### COUNT III

#### (Violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983 - Deprivation of Life, Liberty and the Pursuit of Happiness)

62. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

63. The actions and inactions of defendants deprived Jacek Lazarski of his right to life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness guaranteed to him by the Fifth and Fourteenth Amendments to the United States Constitution.

64. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

### COUNT IV

#### VIOLATION OF 42 U.S.C. §1983 (Failure to Train Defendant Entities)

65. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

66. The defendants County of Union, Correctional Health Services, Trinitas Hospital and all defendant entities acting in a governmental function failed to conduct any training of its officers relating to conducting physical and psychological assessments and examinations of individuals in its custody or entrusted to their care. Additionally, the defendant entities failed to train its officers, supervisory entities, employees, agents, etc., with regard to monitoring the individuals in its holding cells.

67. The defendant entities failed to train its employees, supervisors, agents, entities, and corporations regarding the proper medical treatment, care, monitoring, supervising all those who deal with jail inmates, including but not limited to those who dealt with Lazarska.

68. This failure to train constitutes a conscious disregard and/or deliberate indifference to the Lazarski's civil rights and hence, constitutes a violation of 42 U.S.C. §1983.

69. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

#### COUNT IV

#### STATE CONSTITUTIONAL CLAIM

70. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

71. The New Jersey Constitution provides in Art. I, Para. I, that all persons have certain unalienable rights of enjoying and defending life and acquiring and protecting property and pursuing and obtaining safety and happiness. Additionally, other clauses of the New

Jersey Constitution, including Articles I through XI, declared the right to life, liberty and pursuit of safety and happiness of every person in the State of New Jersey.

72. The acts and omissions of defendants alleged hereinabove were sufficiently harmful to evidence a violation of the rights afforded to plaintiff under the New Jersey Constitution and/or deliberate indifference and willful disregard to the serious medical needs of plaintiff as an inmate.

73. The failure to provide appropriate medical care and other treatment violated the New Jersey Constitution concerning the standards of decency implicit therein.

74. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

#### COUNT V

#### DISCRIMINATION/FAILURE TO ACCOMMODATE/VIOLATION OF THE NEW JERSEY LAW AGAINST DISCRIMINATION N.J.S.A. 10:5-1, et seq.

75. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

76. The defendant entities and supervisory personnel, individually as aiders and abettors, failed to conduct any medical assessment and or examination of Lazarski and provide treatment and defendant withheld treatment for the serious medical condition of Lazarski and/or failed to provide an accommodation to Lazarski's disability, namely his psychological disability and or physical disability.

77. This discrimination and/or failure to accommodate by the defendants is in direct violation of the public accommodation provisions of the New Jersey Law Against Discrimination ("NJLAD"), N.J.S.A. 10:5-4.1, et seq.

78. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

#### COUNT VI

#### WRONGFUL DEATH

79. Plaintiffs repeat and reallege each and every allegation as if set forth above at length herein.

80. The actions of the defendants caused Lazarski and his mother, Zofia Lazarska, to lose their enjoyment and quality of life.

81. As a direct result of the aforementioned actions of defendants, Lazarski has suffered severe and permanent injuries and was and is forced to endure great wanton pain and suffering, emotional distress and mental anguish and to incur a total deprivation of physical liberty, and deprivation of his constitutional rights which also included financial and economic injuries.

#### COUNT VII

#### SURVIVOR STATUTE

82. Plaintiff, Zofia Lazarska, Administrator *ad prosequendum* of the Estate of Jacek Lazarska, individually and on behalf of the heirs, repeats and realleges each and every allegation of all prior paragraphs, as if set forth at length herein.

83. The above acts of every defendant named herein were in gross disregard for the legal rights of Jacek Lazarski. Those acts caused the deceased extreme pain and suffering prior to his death. Under the Survival Statute, the heirs of the Estate are entitled to compensation for injuries sustained by the deceased as a result of the tortious acts during the period between the tortious act and the resulting death.

84. The heirs are also entitled to punitive damages under the Survival Statute.

85. The Estate of Jacek Lazarska is entitled to damages for pain and suffering for all pre-death pain and suffering he endured.

86. As a result of the tortious and illegal acts of the above-named defendants, plaintiff, Zofia Lazarska, Administrator Ad Prosequendum for the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, has been harmed.

87. The acts of defendants in both their individual and official capacities in conducting, supervising, condoning and permitting the improper medical treatment to incur, constituted common law torts including but not limited to, negligent infliction of emotional distress upon plaintiffs, intentional infliction of emotional harm on plaintiffs, malpractice, negligent care, and other counts as set forth in the within Complaint.

88. All the entities and/or departments, which employed the agents or employees herein, are responsible under the doctrine of *respondeat superior*.

89. As a result of the above-mentioned acts, plaintiffs have been damaged by the conduct of all of the defendants.

COUNT VII

SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS/CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS  
42 U.S.C. § 1983

(Constitutional Tort For Zofia Lazarska, the Mother of Jacek Lazarski)

90. Plaintiffs, Zofia Lazarska, administrator *ad prosequendum* of the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, and in her capacity as mother of Jacek Lazarski, individually plead each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.

91. Zofia Lazarska is the mother of Mr. Lazarski.

92. As his family, she has a constitutionally protected liberty interest in the maintenance of the family and thus, giving them claims for certain defendants' actions as specified above violated their direct liberty interest under substantive due process clause and 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

93. Since plaintiff, as set forth above, has an independent interest and constitutionally protected interest in the companionship in society in his or her adult child, plaintiff has a direct claim for violation of 42 U.S.C. § 1983.

94. As a result of the above-mentioned acts of defendants, plaintiff has been harmed and suffered damages when defendants took away the companionship rights from plaintiffs. As a direct result of such harm, plaintiff has been damaged.

COUNT IX

SUBSTANTIVE DUE PROCESS RIGHTS AND  
RIGHTS UNDER THE NEW JERSEY CONSTITUTION

(Constitutional Tort For Zofia Lazarska, the Mother of Jacek Lazarski)

95. Plaintiffs, Zofia Lazarska, Administrator *ad prosequendum* of the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, and in her capacity as the mother of Jacek Lazarski, individually pleads each and every allegation contained in the above paragraphs as if set forth at length herein.

96. Zofia Lazarska is the mother of Mr. Lazarski.

97. As his family, she has a constitutionally protected liberty interest in the maintenance of the family and thus, giving her claims for certain defendants actions as specified above violated her constitutional interests under substantive clauses of the New Jersey Constitution.

98. Since plaintiff, as set forth above, had an independent interest and constitutionally protected interest in the companionship in society in his or her adult child, plaintiff has a direct claim for violation of the New Jersey Constitution.

99. As a result of the above-mentioned acts of defendants, plaintiff has been harmed and suffered damages when defendants took away the companionship rights from plaintiff. As a direct result of such harm, plaintiffs have been damaged.

#### **PRAYER FOR RELIEF**

WHEREFORE, Plaintiffs, Zofia Lazarska, individually as the mother of Jacek Lazarski, and as Administrator *ad prosequendum* for the Estate of Jacek Lazarski, prays for judgment against the defendants, including but not limited to:

- (a) an award of compensatory damages, punitive or treble damages which are allowed by statutes pleaded herein;
- (b) an award of reasonable attorney's fees and all costs of court and interest herein;
- (c) an award of damages as allowed under 42 U.S.C. § 1983 and any other statutes permitting same;
- (d) an award for attorney's fees allowed under the appropriate statutes, including but not limited to 42 U.S.C. § 1988;
- (e) joint and several liability, where appropriate;



(f) judgment for Plaintiff, Zofia Lazarska, individual and in her capacity as Administrator *ad prosequendum* of the Estate of Jacek Lazarski for all damages, both compensatory and punitive and for attorneys' fees and costs;

(g) any other prospective or past relief, whether equitable or otherwise, that the Court finds just and appropriate under the circumstances;

(h) an award for all economic damages and other damages as allowed by State statutes pleaded herein.

LAW OFFICES OF LINDA B. KENNEY  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: Linda B. Kenney  
Linda B. Kenney, Esq.  
(LBK 5016)

Dated: 6/2/04

JURY DEMAND

The Plaintiffs demand a trial by jury on all issues so triable.

LAW OFFICES OF LINDA B. KENNEY  
Attorneys for Plaintiff

By: Linda B. Kenney  
Linda B. Kenney, Esq.  
(LBK 5016)

Dated: 6/2/04

# PHS/EMSA

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## INCIDENT REPORT

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RISK MANAGEMENT SERV

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<b>INMATE/NAME &amp; ID#:</b> ID #: <u>124789</u> <u>LAZARSKI</u> LAST <u>SACK</u> FIRST	<b>BIRTH DATE:</b> Month <u>1</u> Day <u>0</u> Year <u>07 8 0</u> Age: <u>21</u> Sex: M <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> F <input type="checkbox"/>	<b>DIAGNOSIS:</b> <u>HTN</u>  MEDICATIONS IN PAST 6 HOURS <u>Valibutrin 75mg BID</u> <u>Paxil 40mg QD</u> <u>Klonopin 2mg BID</u>	<b>DATE OF INCIDENT:</b> <u>07 03 0</u> <b>Time of Incident (24 hr. clock)</b> <u>2 42 5 12 25</u> <b>MENTAL STATUS OF PATIENT:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> Alert <input type="checkbox"/> Confus <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Unresponsive <input type="checkbox"/> Somnol
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<b>INCIDENT LOCATION:</b> Write full name of facility: <u>Union County Jail</u> <u>5301</u>  Site code # _____ Area: (Infirmery, dental, etc.) <u>5301</u>	<b>IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED:</b> _____ <b>If Medication Involved, fill in name of med:</b> Dosage: _____ Frequency: _____ Route: _____ Ordered _____ Given _____	<b>WITNESS INFORMATION:</b> (Last name) _____ (First) _____ Address _____ Phone _____ Employee: yes _____ no _____
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<b>Medication Information:</b> Examined by Physician: <input type="checkbox"/> Y <input type="checkbox"/> N Dr. I.D. # _____ Dr. Name: _____ (Last) _____ (First) Date: <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> <input type="checkbox"/> Month Day Year Time (24 hr. Clock) Dr. notified by: _____ (Last name) _____ (First name)	<b>Incident Description:</b> <u>Code white called to 5301 inmate was on floor - a white rage tied around neck. Was unresponsive so CR encountered and rage removed. ILL was called. Unable to get heart rate and pulse. Was pronounced @ 12:45</u>
Treated by Institutional Health Service Staff? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Transported to Community Facility for Outpatient Care? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Transported to Community Facility for Inpatient Care? <input type="checkbox"/> Yes <input type="checkbox"/> No Other, Explain _____	_____ Facility Nat _____ Hospital Nat

<b>TESTS:</b> (ORDERED OR DONE)	<b>INJURY SEVERITY</b> <input type="checkbox"/> N/A <input type="checkbox"/> NO INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> SERIOUS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> MAJOR <input type="checkbox"/> MINOR	<b>TYPE:</b> <input type="checkbox"/> AMPUTATION <input type="checkbox"/> BURN (2ND OR 3RD) <input type="checkbox"/> CARDIO/RESP. ARREST <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> DEATH (EXPECTED) <input type="checkbox"/> DEATH (UNEXPECTED) <input type="checkbox"/> DETOX <input type="checkbox"/> HEAD INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> HEARING/VISION IMPAIRMENT <input type="checkbox"/> INFECT/SEPSIS <input type="checkbox"/> LOSS OF USE OF LIMB(S) <input type="checkbox"/> MEDICATION ERROR <input type="checkbox"/> MISCARRIAGE <input type="checkbox"/> NEURO DEFICIT INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER <input type="checkbox"/> REPEAT ER VISIT - SAME REASON <input type="checkbox"/> REPRODUCTION ORGAN LOSS/IMPAIRMENT <input type="checkbox"/> SEIZURE <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> SPINAL INJURY <input type="checkbox"/> SUICIDE ATTEMPT
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Person Reporting Incident: Ernestine Coates Title: RN Phone: (908) 558-2639 Date: 07/03/0  
DSA/HCA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_ Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_  
Revision: 6/99

UNION COUNTY JAIL INTAKE/RECEIVING SCREENING

LAST NAME: LAZARSKI FIRST NAME: JACEK DOCKET # 124789 DATE/TIME OF INTAKE 7-01-02 LOCATION 5B01  
AGE 21 SEX M/F DATE OF BIRTH 10-7-80 SOCIAL SECURITY# [REDACTED] COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL Union

VITAL SIGNS: TEMPERATURE 98.8 PULSE 72 RESPIRATIONS 18 BLOOD PRESSURE 112/70 HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 215lb

HAVE YOU EVER HAD OR DO YOU HAVE?  
ALLERGIES TO MEDICATION/FOODS? YES (NO)  
HEART TROUBLE/CHEST PAIN? YES (NO)  
HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE? YES (NO)  
ASTHMA? YES (NO)  
DIABETES: INSULIN OR PILLS? YES (NO)  
HEPATITIS/LIVER DISEASE? YES (NO)  
KIDNEY/BLADDER PROBLEMS? YES (NO)  
SEIZURES/BACKOUTS? YES (NO)  
V.D. SYPHILIS/GONORRHEA? YES (NO)  
STOMACH PROBLEMS/ULCERS? YES (NO)  
HIV STATUS: NEGATIVE POSITIVE YES (NO)  
DO YOU USE DRUGS? IF SO, WHAT? YES (NO)  
DO YOU USE ALCOHOL? YES (NO)  
DENTAL PROBLEMS? YES (NO)  
GUMS NORMAL ABNORMAL YES (NO)  
DENTAL CARRIES NOTED/MISSING TEETH? YES (NO)  
DO YOU WEAR DENTURES? YES (NO)  
ORAL HYGIENE PRACTICED? YES (NO)  
EYE PROBLEMS? YES (NO)  
WEAR GLASSES/CONTACTS? YES (NO)  
PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS: YES (NO)  
HAVE YOU BEEN TREATED BY A PSYCH? YES (NO)  
WHAT DID HE TELL YOU? NO Trinitas Hosp  
HAVE YOU TRIED TO HURT YOURSELF? YES (NO)  
HOW MANY TIMES? YES (NO)  
ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT IT NOW? YES (NO)  
A/V HALLUCINATIONS? YES (NO)  
CONTRACT FOR SAFETY? YES (NO)  
AFFECT/MOOD: DEPRESSED FEARFUL ANGRY PLEASANT OTHER AAOX

FEMALES ONLY: LMP? NA PREGNANT NOW? NA PREGNANCY TEST POSITIVE NEGATIVE YES NO EDCT? YES NO WHERE?

PRESENT MEDICATIONS:  
1. Methadone 120mg OD  
2. Wellbutrin 150mg OD  
3.   
4. Alonopin 2mg BID  
5. Gabapatin 16mg BID  
6. Paxil CR 37.5mg OD

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL NEEDS SICK CALL DENTAL OB/GYN OTHER: COMMENTS: Denies any medical problems at present time

NURSES SIGNATURE: Circa Satulpu PRINT NAME OR STAMP

SUICIDAL COUNTY JAIL  
**SUICIDE PREVENTION SCREENING FORM**

NAME Lazaruski, Jacek  
 DOB 10-7-80

TODAY'S DATE 7/1/02  
 COMMITMENT NO. 124789

**CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN FOR EACH QUESTION. ASK QUESTIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT**

PART A		
1.	Present substance abuse history (including alcohol)? List type, last used, and amount	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
2.	Inmate is taking medication for a nervous or mental condition?	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
3.	Vulnerable population (mentally retarded, very young, weak, attractive or older inmate)	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
4.	Family member or significant other has attempted or committed suicide?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5.	Experienced a significant loss within last 6 months? (loss of: <u>job, relationship, death of close family member.</u> )	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6.	Holds a position of respect in the community, i.e., public official, law enforcement, etc. (feels embarrassed and/or ashamed)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7.	Appears overly anxious, afraid, or angry?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8.	First incarceration in any jail?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9.	Worried about major problems other than legal situation? (i.e., health issues or terminal illness)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10.	Inmate's current marital situation? (any domestic issues past or current)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> <u>Single</u>
11.	Inmate has concerns with the general welfare of any children or family member?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12.	Has inmate ever been identified as learning disabled, developmentally disabled, or concerned with the ability to handle being incarcerated?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

PART B IF "YES" NOTIFY MENTAL HEALTH STAFF IMMEDIATELY		
13.	Inmate is thinking about killing self?	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14.	Inmate has previously made suicide attempts? Date(s) and discuss method used.	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
15.	Has suicide plan and/or suicide instrument in possession? <u>Overdose 2 years ago</u>	YES <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> NO <input type="checkbox"/>
16.	Unable to project into the future (expressed feelings of helplessness and/or hopelessness)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17.	Shows signs of depression? (crying, emotional flatness)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18.	Acting and/or talking in a strange manner? (cannot focus attention, hearing or seeing things that are not there)	YES <input type="checkbox"/> NO <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

REMARKS \_\_\_\_\_

**DISPOSITION:** Referred To Mental Health  Yes Timeframe: ASAP [ ] No  
 \*\*All inmates referred to mental health for further assessment must be cleared by mental health practitioner before moved into general population.

FORM COMPLETED BY: Alice Saka ypw  
 Print Name

TB TEST FOR TB? YES (NO) IF YES, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_  
 FPD GIVEN: DATE 7/1/02 SITE LFA  
 PPD READ: DATE: 7/3/02 RESULT: NEGATIVE POSITIVE  
 SCREENING FOR PREVIOUS POSITIVE REACTORS:  
 HAVE YOU TAKEN MEDICATION FOR TB? YES NO  
 IF YES, WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_ WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_  
 HAVE YOU EVER HAD THE VACCINE BCG? YES NO IF YES, WHEN \_\_\_\_\_  
 ARE YOU PRESENTLY TAKING MEDICATION FOR TB? YES NO  
 IF YES, WHAT? \_\_\_\_\_ FOR HOW LONG \_\_\_\_\_

I \_\_\_\_\_ DO HERE WITH VOLUNTARILY CONSENT TO SUCH MEDICAL  
 PROVIDED BY THE PHYSICIANS, DENTIST, MEDICAL STAFF, AND PERSONNEL AT THE  
 COUNTY JAIL. I ACKNOWLEDGE THAT NO GUARANTEES HAVE BEEN MADE AS TO THE  
 RESULTS OF ANY TREATMENTS. THIS CONSENT HAS BEEN FULLY EXPLAINED TO ME  
 UNDERSTAND I HAVE THE RIGHT TO REFUSE ANY TREATMENT, DIAGNOSTIC TEST,  
 MEDICATION, OR PROCEDURE OFFERED. I UNDERSTAND THIS FACILITY MAY TAKE STEPS  
 ENSURE MY WELL BEING AND THE WELL BEING OF OTHERS. I UNDERSTAND THAT ANY  
 MEDICATIONS GIVEN IS FOR MY USE ONLY. I ACKNOWLEDGE THE INFORMATION AS  
 DOCUMENTED IS ACCURATE AND TRUTHFUL.

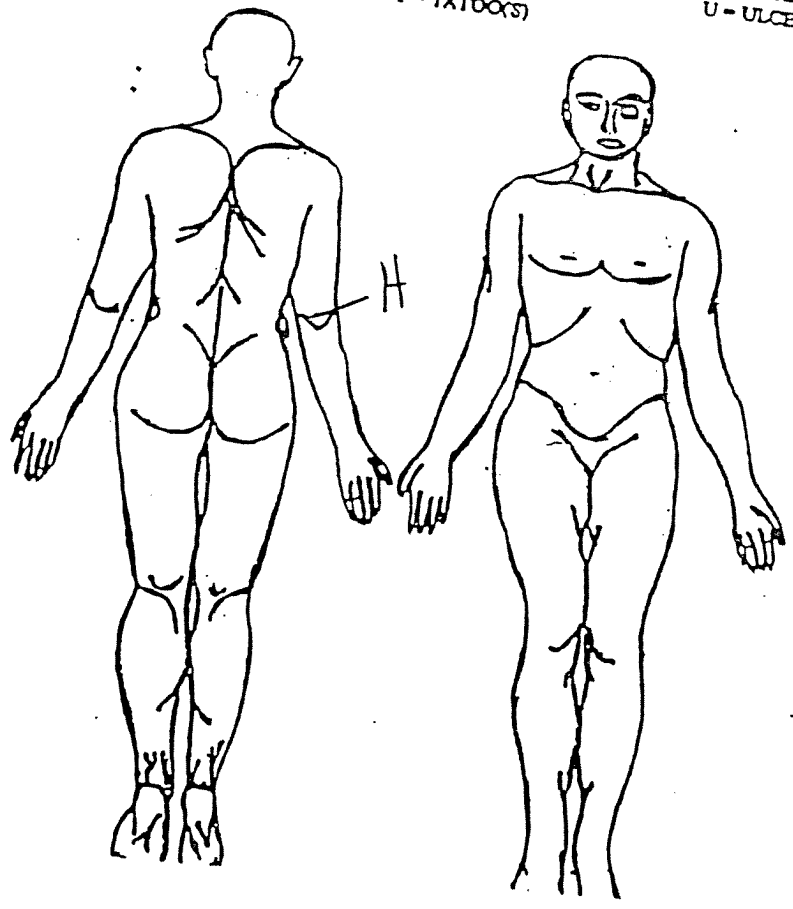
SIGNATURE OF INMATE: X [Signature] DATE: 7/1/02  
 WITNESS: [Signature] Saka [Signature]

BODY OUTLINE AND CHARACTERISTICS  
 USING THE FOLLOWING KEY BY C.O. NURSE, M.D.

P - PUNCTURE WOUND(S)  
 H - HEALED SCAR(S)  
 O - OPEN WOUND(S)

A - ABRASION(S)  
 R - RASH(ES)  
 T - TATOO(S)

L - LACERATION(S)  
 U - ULCERATION(S)



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# INCIDENT REPORT

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**INMATE/NAME & ID#:**

ID #: 124789

LAZARSKI

LAST

SACK

FIRST

**BIRTH DATE:**

1  0  0  7  8  0  
Month Day Year

Age: 21

Sex: M  F

**DIAGNOSIS:**

HTN

MEDICATIONS IN PAST 6 HOURS  
Deltabutin 75mg BID  
Paxil 40mg QD  
Kloropin 2mg BID

**DATE OF INCIDENT:**

0  7  0  3  1

Time of Incident (24 hr. clock)  
 2  9  2  5  12

**MENTAL STATUS OF PATIENT:**

Alert  Confused  
 Unresponsive  Severe

**INCIDENT LOCATION:**

Write full name of facility:

Union County Jail  
5B01

Site code # \_\_\_\_\_

Area: (Infirmery, dental, etc.)

5B01

**IF EQUIPMENT INVOLVED:**

If Medication Involved, fill in name of med:

Dosage: \_\_\_\_\_  
Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Given \_\_\_\_\_

Frequency: \_\_\_\_\_

Route: \_\_\_\_\_

Ordered \_\_\_\_\_ Given \_\_\_\_\_

**WITNESS INFORMATION:**

(Last name) \_\_\_\_\_ (First) \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Employee: yes \_\_\_\_\_ no \_\_\_\_\_

**Medication Information:**

Examined by Physician:  Y  N Dr. I.D. # \_\_\_\_\_

Dr. Name: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First)

Date:            
Month Day Year Time (24 hr. Clock)

Dr. notified by: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last name) (First name)

**Incident Description:**

Code white called to 5B01 inmate was on floor - a white rage tried around neck. Was unresponsive so CPR initiated on rage removed. 911 was called. Unable to get heart rate and pulse. Was pronounced @ 11:00

Treated by Institutional Health Service Staff?  Yes  No

Transported to Community Facility for Outpatient Care?  Yes  No

Transported to Community Facility for Inpatient Care?  Yes  No

Other, Explain \_\_\_\_\_ Facility: \_\_\_\_\_ Hospital: \_\_\_\_\_

**TESTS:**  
(ORDERED OR DONE)

**INJURY SEVERITY**

N/A  
 NO INJURY  
 SERIOUS  
 MAJOR  
 MINOR

AMPUTATION  
 BURN (2ND OR 3RD)  
 CARDIO/RESP. ARREST  
 DEATH (EXPECTED)  
 DEATH (UNEXPECTED)  
 DETOX  
 HEAD INJURY

**TYPE:**

HEARING/VISION IMPAIRMENT  
 INFECT/SEPSIS  
 LOSS OF USE OF LIMB(S)  
 MEDICATION ERROR  
 MISCARRIAGE  
 NEURO DEFICIT INJURY  
 OTHER  
 REPEAT ER VISIT - SAME REASON  
 REPRODUCTION ORGAN LOSS/IMPACT  
 SEIZURE  
 SPINAL INJURY  
 SUICIDE ATTEMPT

Person Reporting Incident: Ernestine Carter

Title: RN

Phone: (908) 558-2639 Date: 07/01

DSA/HCA Signature: \_\_\_\_\_

Printed name: \_\_\_\_\_

FROM THE DESK OF: PATRICIA M. WEST, RN.C..H.S.A.

DATE: July 3, 2002

TO: Mr. Frank Crose, Director  
Mr. John Redling, Administrator

Re: Lazarski, Jacek # 124789

Upon my arrival last night following the incident on the above mentioned inmate, I was advised by the nurse and the Medical Director, that there was a problem with the oxygen tank , that it was "empty", and the nurses did not appear to know where the oxygen tank key was located.

This has called to my attention the need for a refresher on Emergency Procedures and the location of Emergency Equipment .The D.O.N. is preparing a presentation immediately and signatures will be required of all nurses as an acknowledgement that they have received the refresher and are fully knowledgeable of the location of all the necessary equipment. This action is taken as a corrective action and has been approved through the Corporate Office in Verona.

*Patricia M. West*





Correctional Health Services

INCIDENT REPORT

Ref. Operations Ref

Name of Person's

Involved: Wojarski, Sueh

# 127789

Location Of Incident: 5 B01

Date: 07/03/02 Time: 12<sup>25</sup>

Description of

Incident: Codewhit was called to 5 B01. A  
thes unit arrived inmate was lying on floor  
non-responsive & unable to give a verbal  
CPR was started and a gage was used. 911 was  
called. Attempts to revive inmate was  
fruitful. Was pronounced @ 1:15 PM

Signed: Ernest Carter

Date: 07/03/02

Supervisor Notified: Yes  No

Time: 1 AM

Date: 07/03/02



Mailing Address  
325 West ...  
Elizabeth, NJ ...  
07201-1000

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION

I hereby authorize and request that the TRINITAS HOSPITAL Health Information Services Department release information from my medical record regarding my treatment, hospitalization, and/or outpatient care for my impairment(s), including psychological or psychiatric impairment(s), drug abuse, alcoholism, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or tests for infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Name of Patient: JACEK LAZARSKI

Address: HOMELESS

Date of Birth: 10/7/80

Records to be sent to: DR. RODEMAR PEREZ (908) 558-2610 x 20325

Address: UNION COUNTY JAIL, 15 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA  
ELIZABETH, NJ 07207

Type of Admission	Dates
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<u>JUNE 2002</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room Visit	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic/Physical Therapy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Reason for Visit	_____

**CONFIDENTIALITY STATEMENT**

This information has been disclosed to you from records protected by Federal and State confidentiality rules. The Federal rules prohibit you from making any further disclosure of this information unless further disclosure is expressly permitted by the written consent of the person to whom it pertains or as otherwise permitted. Any disclosure, copying, distribution or taking of any action in reliance on the contents of this information is prohibited.

Patient's Signature: [Signature]  
Date: 7/24/02

Month/Year '11 02

Hour	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10	11	12	13	14	15	16	17	18	19	20	21	22	23	24	25	26
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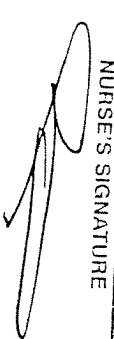
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Jozanski, Jack  
 ID: 124789 WING: 5B01

NURSE'S SIGNATURE



INITIAL

JJ

NURSE'S SIGNATURE

H - Refused  
 C - Count  
 S - Self Administered  
 NS - No Show



UNION COUNTY JAIL INTAKE/RECEIVING SCREENING

LAST NAME: LAZARSKI FIRST NAME: JACEK DOCKET# 124789 DATE/TIME OF INTAKE 7-01-02 LOCATION 5B  
 AGE 21 SEX M/F DATE OF BIRTH 10-7-80 SOCIAL SECURITY# [REDACTED] COUNTY/STATE/FED. Union

VITAL SIGNS:  
 TEMPERATURE 98.8 PULSE 72 RESPIRATIONS 18 BLOOD PRESSURE 112/70 HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 215lb

HAVE YOU EVER HAD OR DO YOU HAVE?  
 ALLERGIES TO MEDICATION/FOODS? YES  NO   
 HEART TROUBLE/CHEST PAIN? YES  NO   
 HIGH BLOOD PRESSURE? YES  NO   
 ASTHMA? YES  NO   
 DIABETES: INSULIN OR PILLS? YES  NO   
 HEPATITIS/LIVER DISEASE? YES  NO   
 KIDNEY/BLADDER PROBLEMS? YES  NO   
 SEIZURES/BLACKOUTS? YES  NO   
 V.D. SYPHILIS/GONORRHEA? YES  NO   
 STOMACH PROBLEMS/ULCERS? YES  NO   
 HIV STATUS: NEGATIVE POSITIVE YES  NO   
 DO YOU USE DRUGS? IF SO, WHAT? YES  NO   
 DO YOU USE ALCOHOL? YES  NO  LAST USED? 6/27/02 AMOUNT 100-200ml  
 DENTAL PROBLEMS? YES  NO  LAST USED? \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUMS NORMAL ABNORMAL YES  NO   
 DENTAL CARIES NOTED/MISSING TEETH? YES  NO   
 DO YOU WEAR DENTURES? YES  NO   
 ORAL HYGIENE PRACTICED? YES  NO   
 EYE PROBLEMS? YES  NO   
 WEAR GLASSES/CONTACTS? YES  NO   
 PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS:  
 HAVE YOU BEEN TREATED BY A PSYCH? YES  NO  Trinitas Hosp  
 WHAT DID HE TELL YOU? YES  NO  Panic attacks & Depression  
 HAVE YOU TRIED TO HURT YOURSELF? YES  NO   
 HOW MANY TIMES? YES  NO  Once  
 ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT IT NOW? YES  NO  HOW? \_\_\_\_\_  
 AS/ HALLUCINATIONS? YES  NO   
 CONTRACT FOR SAFETY? YES  NO   
 AFFECT/MOOD: DEPRESSED FEARFUL ANGRY PLEASANT OTHER AAOX

FEMALES ONLY:  
 LMP? \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREGNANT NOW? NA  
 PRE-NATAL CARE? \_\_\_\_\_

PREGNANCY TEST POSITIVE NEGATIVE  
 YES NO EDC? \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES NO WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT MEDICATIONS:  
 1. Methadone 120mg OD  
 2. Wellbutrin 150mg OD  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Xanax 2mg BID  
 5. Gabapentin 1600mg BID  
 6. Paxil CR 37.5mg OD

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL NEEDS REFERRAL FOR SERVICE SICK CALL DENTAL OB/GYN OTHER:  
 COMMENTS: Denies any medical problems at present time

NURSES SIGNATURE: Grace Satulow PRINT NAME OR STAMP

Response to incarceration: Short time in custody / fair response

History of sexual offenses: none

Cerebral trauma or seizures:  Surgery at about 19 yrs old - Testing was  
Developmental disability: None but ADHD  
Cerebral palsy

Substance abuse history:	Average Intake	How Used	Last Used
14 yrs. 19 yrs. - Heroin	3 bags daily	to 3 bags injecting	1999
none - Cocaine	every 5 hrs.	(around the clock)	
none - Alcohol			
none - Cannabis			

Social history: 1/1m is a 21 yr. old WM. Began becoming depre  
at age 14 yrs. and was taken to a psychiatrist who  
1/1m says said he was too young to medicate. After  
afterwards began to self medicate with heroin.  
Says his mother is also bipolar. Since age  
14 yrs. he has had various jobs to support his  
habit. Went on methadone program in 1999. & says  
this has helped. Has two brothers who he says

Interventions: he does not get along with. I see  
his mother, but does not believe that she can  
give him the support he needs. Has never  
Plan: been to a mental health clinic to get  
therapy.

See Dr. Perez.

Signed: Russell Chouinard

On methadone for 2 yrs. 120mg daily - - feels  
it was successful.

UNION COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Psychiatric Patient Intake

Sex:  M  F (Pregnant:  Yes  No)

Date: 7/2

Name: Lopprski, Jack

Docket #: 124789

DOB: 10-

Date arrived at UCJ: 5/1/02

Charges: Warrant (Org. Ch. -  
Trigger violation)

Presenting problem: Stark feeling - As going through withdrawal. Bi Polar.

Referred by: Medical.

Previous psychiatric treatment: Went to psychiatrist for 6 mos. (1999) then went to a nurse practitioner (6 mos. - it was an on-call basis).

Psychiatric medications: Wellbutrin 150mg 1x daily Last taken: 6/28/02

Klorapin 2mg 2x daily 6/28/02

Paxil CR 37.5mg 1x daily 6/28/02

Suicidality:

Current ideation:  Yes  No

Current plan:  Yes  No

Homicidality:

Current ideation:  Yes  No

Current plan:  Yes  No

Suicidal/homicidal history: Attempted suicide about 3 yrs ago (1999)

Tried to overdose with all the psy. meds. Went to hosp. & stomach was pumped. Amnesia for a fight & girlfriend

Consciousness level: \_\_\_\_\_ Orientation: person place time

Mood: Sad Affect: Sad

Thought process: \_\_\_\_\_ Motor behavior: \_\_\_\_\_

Delusions: \_\_\_\_\_ Hallucinations: \_\_\_\_\_

Memory: good Obsessions: \_\_\_\_\_

Compulsiveness: \_\_\_\_\_ Preoccupation(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Insight: fair Judgment: fair

Anxiety symptoms: Internal Panic attacks: since on meds.

Cent. city - bec. of detoxing NO panic attacks  
Presently detoxing from MDTB. 0.0.0.

UNION COUNTY JAIL MEDICAL DEPARTMENT

Psychiatric Patient Intake

Sex:  M  F (Pregnant:  Yes  No)

Date: 7/2/02

Name: Lopez, Jack

Docket #: 124789

DOB: 10-7-80

Date arrived at UCJ: 7/1/02

Charges: Warrant (Org. Charge  
trafficking violation)

Presenting problem: Wreck feeling - As going through methadone withdrawal. Bi Polar.

Referred by: Medical.

Previous psychiatric treatment: Went to psychiatrist for 6 mos. (1x monthly). then went to a nurse practitioner (6 mos. - it was an on call basis).

Psychiatric medications: Melbortin 150mg 1x daily Last taken: 6/28/02

Kloropin 2mg 2x daily 6/28/02

Paxil CR 37.5mg 1x daily 6/28/02

Suicidality:

Current ideation:  Yes  No

Current plan:  Yes  No

Homicidality:

Current ideation:  Yes  No

Current plan:  Yes  No

Suicidal/homicidal history: Attempted suicide about 3 yrs ago (1999)

Tried to overdose with all the psy. meds. Went to hospital & stomach was pumped. Amnesia about the time a fight & girlfriend

Consciousness level: person place time

Mood: Sad

Affect: Sad

Thought process: —

Motor behavior: —

Delusions: —

Hallucinations: —

Memory: good

Obsessions: —

Compulsiveness: —

Preoccupation(s): —

Insight: fair

Judgment: fair

Anxiety symptoms: Internal

Panic attacks: since on meds.

anxiety - bec. of detoxing

no panic attacks

Presently detoxing from meds



# PROGRESS NOTE

Name: LAZARSKI, JACEK Docket #: 124789

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Psych Note
7/2/02	Patient is a 21 y/o WM. 2nd incarceration
1:35 pm	w/ 4 prior psych adm: Trinitas for depression
	panic attacks last adm 1 1/2 yrs ago
	Meds: Klonopin 2mg bid, Paxil CR 37.5mg ed
	Wellbutrin 150 mg ed
	w/ one prior suicide attempt 3 yrs ago, tried to o/d on meds
	on methadone 120mg prior to incarceration
	PMH: HTN All: NKA Ch: warrant
	S - 'I'm going to withdrawals so I'm not too good'
	No other complaint.
	Q - : anxious no delusion elicited
	denies A/V halluc. denies S/H ideation
	A - Panic Disorder, Depressive Dis NOS
	Opioid Dependence
	P - Wellbutrin 75 mg po bid
	Paxil 40 mg po ed
	Klonopin 2 mg po bid } x 30 days
3:15 pm	Addendum
	The patient authorization is to be mailed out today to
	Trinitas Medical Records.

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UNION COUNTY JAIL INTAKE/RECEIVING SCREENING

LAST NAME: LAZARSKI FIRST NAME: JACEK DOCKET# 124789 DATE/TIME OF INTAKE 7-01-02 LOCATION 37301  
 AGE 21 SEX M/F DATE OF BIRTH 10-7-80 SOCIAL SECURITY# [REDACTED] COUNTY/STATE/FEDERAL Union

VITAL SIGNS: TEMPERATURE 98.8 PULSE 72 RESPIRATIONS 18 BLOOD PRESSURE 112/70 HEIGHT 5'11" WEIGHT 215lb

HAVE YOU EVER HAD OR DO YOU HAVE?  
 ALLERGIES TO MEDICATION/FOODS? YES  NO   
 HEART TROUBLE/CHEST PAIN? YES  NO   
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 DIABETES: INSULIN OR PILLS? YES  NO   
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 SEIZURES/BACKOUTS? YES  NO   
 V.D. SYPHILLIS/GONORRHEA? YES  NO   
 STOMACH PROBLEMS/ULCERS? YES  NO   
 HIV STATUS: NEGATIVE POSITIVE YES  NO   
 DO YOU USE DRUGS? IF SO, WHAT? YES  NO   
 DO YOU USE ALCOHOL? YES  NO  LAST USED? 6/27/02 AMOUNT Methadone 15mg  
 DENTAL PROBLEMS? YES  NO  LAST USED? \_\_\_\_\_ AMOUNT \_\_\_\_\_  
 GUMS NORMAL ABNORMAL YES  NO   
 DENTAL CARIES NOTED/MISSING TEETH? YES  NO   
 DO YOU WEAR DENTURES? YES  NO   
 ORAL HYGIENE PRACTICED? YES  NO   
 EYE PROBLEMS? YES  NO   
 WEAR GLASSES/CONTACTS? YES  NO   
 PSYCHIATRIC PROBLEMS:  
 HAVE YOU BEEN TREATED BY A PSYCH? YES  NO  Trinitas Hosp  
 WHAT DID HE TELL YOU? Panic attacks & Depression  
 HAVE YOU TRIED TO HURT YOURSELF? YES  NO   
 HOW MANY TIMES? YES  NO  Once  
 ARE YOU THINKING ABOUT IT NOW? YES  NO   
 A/V HALLUCINATIONS? YES  NO  HOW? \_\_\_\_\_  
 CONTRACT FOR SAFETY? YES  NO   
 AFFECT/MOOD: DEPRESSED FEARFUL ANGRY PLEASANT OTHER \_\_\_\_\_ AAOX

FEMALES ONLY:  
 LMP? \_\_\_\_\_  
 PREGNANT NOW? NA PREGNANCY TEST POSITIVE NEGATIVE  
 PRE-NATAL CARE? YES NO EDC? \_\_\_\_\_  
 YES NO WHERE? \_\_\_\_\_

PRESENT MEDICATIONS:  
 1. Methadone 20mg OD  
 2. Wellbutrin 150mg OD  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Alonopin 2mg BID  
 5. Gabapatin 16mg BID  
 6. Paxil CR 37.5mg OD

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL NEEDS SICK CALL DENTAL OB/GYN OTHER: \_\_\_\_\_  
 REFERRAL FOR SERVICE: \_\_\_\_\_  
 COMMENTS: Denies any medical problems at present time.

NURSES SIGNATURE: Arac Satulpu PRINT NAME OR STAMP

**SUICIDE PREVENTION SCREENING FORM**

NAME Lazarowski, Jacek  
 DOB 10-7-80

TODAY'S DATE 7/1/02  
 COMMITMENT NO. 124789

CHECK APPROPRIATE COLUMN FOR EACH QUESTION. ASK QUESTIONS IN CONFIDENTIAL ENVIRONMENT

**PART A**

QUESTION	YES	NO
1. Present substance abuse history (including alcohol)? List type, last used, and amount	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
2. Inmate is taking medication for a nervous or mental condition?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
3. Vulnerable population (mentally retarded, very young, weak, attractive or older inmate)	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
4. Family member or significant other has attempted or committed suicide?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
5. Experienced a significant loss within last 6 months? (loss of: job, relationship, death of close family member.)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
6. Holds a position of respect in the community, i.e., public official, law enforcement, etc. (feels embarrassed and/or ashamed)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
7. Appears overly anxious, afraid, or angry?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
8. First incarceration in any jail?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
9. Worried about major problems other than legal situation? (i.e., health issues or terminal illness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
10. Inmate's current marital situation? (any domestic issues past or current) <u>Single</u>	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
11. Inmate has concerns with the general welfare of any children or family member?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
12. Has inmate ever been identified as learning disabled, developmentally disabled, or concerned with the ability to handle being incarcerated?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**PART B**  
**IF "YES" NOTIFY MENTAL HEALTH STAFF IMMEDIATELY**

QUESTION	YES	NO
13. Inmate is thinking about killing self?	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
14. Inmate has previously made suicide attempts? Date(s) and discuss method used. <u>Overdose 2 years ago</u>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
15. Has suicide plan and/or suicide instrument in possession?	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	<input type="checkbox"/>
16. Unable to project into the future (expressed feelings of helplessness and/or hopelessness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
17. Shows signs of depression? (crying, emotional flatness)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
18. Acting and/or talking in a strange manner? (cannot focus attention, hearing or seeing things that are not there)	<input type="checkbox"/>	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>

**REMARKS**

**DISPOSITION:** Referred To Mental Health  Yes Timeframe: ASAP [ ] No  
 \*\*All inmates referred to mental health for further assessment must be cleared by mental health practitioner before moved into general population.

FORM COMPLETED BY: Alice Jaka Upw  
 Print Name

Signature

UNION COUNTY JAIL INTAKE/RECEIVING SCREENING

LAST NAME: LAZARSKI FIRST NAME: JACEK DOCKET # 124789 DATE/TIME OF INTAKE 7-01-02 LOCATION 5B01  
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 V.D. SYPHILIS/GONORRHEA? YES  NO   
 STOMACH PROBLEMS/ULCERS? YES  NO   
 HIV STATUS: NEGATIVE POSITIVE YES  NO   
 DO YOU USE DRUGS? IF SO, WHAT? YES  NO  LAST USED? 6/27/02 AMOUNT Methadone 15  
 DO YOU USE ALCOHOL? YES  NO  LAST USED? AMOUNT  
 DENTAL PROBLEMS? YES  NO   
 GUMS NORMAL ABNORMAL YES  NO   
 DENTAL CARRIES NOTED/MISSING TEETH? YES  NO   
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FEMALES ONLY:  
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 PREGNANT NOW? NA  
 PRE-NATAL CARE?

PREGNANCY TEST POSITIVE NEGATIVE  
 YES NO EDC?  
 YES NO WHERE?

PRESENT MEDICATIONS:  
 1. Methadone 10mg OD  
 2. Wellbutrin 150mg OD  
 3. \_\_\_\_\_  
 4. Alonopin 2mg BID  
 5. Gabapatin 16mg BID  
 6. Pavil CR 37.5mg OD

MENTAL HEALTH SPECIAL NEEDS SICK CALL DENTAL OB/GYN OTHER:  
 COMMENTS: Denies any medical problems at present time.

NURSES SIGNATURE: Arac Satulm PRINT NAME OR STAMP

# PROGRESS NOTES

Name: LAZARSKI, JACEK Docket #: 124789 D.O.B.: \_\_\_\_\_

Location: \_\_\_\_\_ Allergies: \_\_\_\_\_

Date	Psych Note
7/2/02	Patient is a 21 y/o WM. 2nd incarceration <span style="float: right;">CINA</span>
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	panic attacks last adm 1 1/2 yrs ago
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	denies A/V halluc, denies S/H ideation
	A - Panic Disorder, Depressive Dis NOS
	Opioid Dependence
	P - Wellbutrin 75 mg po bid
	Paxil 40 mg po qd
	Klonopin 2 mg po bid } x 30 days
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3:15 pm	Addendum
	The patient authorization is to be mailed out today to
	Trinitas Medical Records.

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Mailing Address  
200 West  
Street  
90A 02

PATIENT AUTHORIZATION

THEY WANT THE ORIGINAL

I hereby authorize and request that the TRINITAS HOSPITAL, Health Information Services Department release information from my medical record regarding my treatment, hospitalization, and/or outpatient care for my impairment(s), including psychological or psychiatric impairment(s), drug abuse, alcoholism, acquired immunodeficiency syndrome (AIDS), or tests for infection with human immunodeficiency virus (HIV).

Name of Patient: JACEK LAZARSKI

Address: HOMELESS

Date of Birth: 10/7/80

Records to be sent to: DR. RODEMAR PEREZ (908) 558-2610 x 20325

Address: UNION COUNTY JAIL, 15 ELIZABETH TOWN PLAZA  
ELIZABETH, NJ 07207

Type of Admission	Dates
<input checked="" type="checkbox"/> Inpatient	<u>JUNE 2002</u>
<input type="checkbox"/> Emergency Room Visit	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Clinic/Physical Therapy	_____
<input type="checkbox"/> Other Reason for Visit	_____

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Patient's Signature: [Signature]  
Date: 7/27/02

Williamson Street Campus  
205 Williamson Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

Jersey Street Campus  
925 East Jersey Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201

New Point Campus  
600 East Jersey Street  
Elizabeth, NJ 07201







PHARMACY NAME CVS PHARMACY #0867  
 ADDRESS 1000 SOUTH ELMORA AVENUE  
 CITY, ST ZIP ELIZABETH NJ 72020000  
 TELEPHONE (908) 629-1265

LICENSE # RS004993  
 FEDERAL TAX ID  
 IRS # DEPT

FAMILY NAME LAZARSKA, JACEK  
 ADDRESS 736 GRIER AVE  
 CITY, ST ZIP ELIZABETH NJ 72022524

TELEPHONE (908) 354-4034  
 FAMILY ACCOUNT # 025472

MEMBER NAME LAZARSKI, JACK  
 MEMBER # 02  
 SOCIAL SECURITY #

BIRTHDAY 10/07/1980  
 SEX M  
 RELATION H

RX-#	RFL	NDC-#	DRUG-DESCRIPTION	DOCTOR-NAME	DATE	IN	QUAN	3PT1	PRICE-\$	3PTY1-\$	3PTY2-\$	CUST-\$
273721		00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	BOROWSKI, WALTER J	082000	AS	60	165	92.20	92.20		
273721	1	00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	BOROWSKI, WALTER J	091900	MV	60	4000	87.83	87.83		.00
271175		00087003931	SERZONE 150MG TABLET M-J	BIELAWSKI, TERESA	072000	AK	20	165	26.24	26.24		.00
271175	1	00087003931	SERZONE 150MG TABLET M-J	BIELAWSKI, TERESA	080900	AK	20	165	26.24	26.24		.00
271174		00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	BIELAWSKI, TERESA	072000	AK	20	165	33.35	33.35		.00
271174	1	00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	BIELAWSKI, TERESA	080900	AK	20	165	33.35	33.35		.00
268395		00087003931	SERZONE 150MG TABLET M-J	SASS, LUIS	061900	YM	30	165	37.41	37.41		.00
267181		00002411560	ZYPREXA 5MG TABLET LIL	JASA, LUIS J	060700	TS	14	1	75.56			.00
267182		00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	JASA, LUIS J	060700	TS	30	165	48.07	48.07		75.56
266465		00087003331	SERZONE 200MG TABLET M-J	SEVILLA, ALOMA P	060100	TS	30	165	37.41	37.41		.00
264754		00093083301	CLONAZEPAM 1MG TABLET TEV	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	051600	HK	8	1	9.79			.00
264754	1	00093083301	CLONAZEPAM 1MG TABLET TEV	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	052400	TS	12	165	13.15	13.15		9.79
264757		00002441530	ZYPREXA 15MG TABLET LIL	BORJA, SUSAN V	052400	TS	10	165	120.27	120.27		.00
264756		00087003331	SERZONE 200MG TABLET M-J	BORJA, SUSAN V	052400	TS	10	165	15.08	15.08		.00
265397		00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	SEVILLA, ALOMA P	052200	YM	42	165	65.72	65.72		.00
263133		00093083301	CLONAZEPAM 1MG TABLET TEV	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	050200	YM	60	165	50.09	50.09		.00
263050		00074621513	DEPAKOTE 500MG TABLET EC AB	BORJA, SUSAN V	050100	YM	90	165	136.35	136.35		.00
263051		00087003331	SERZONE 200MG TABLET M-J	BORJA, SUSAN V	050100	YM	30	165	37.41	37.41		.00
263052		00002441530	ZYPREXA 15MG TABLET LIL	BORJA, SUSAN V	050100	YM	30	165	352.98	352.98		.00
261437		00378015201	CLONIDINE HCL 0.1MG TABLET	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	041700	TS	60	2619	5.85	5.85		.00
260958		00029321213	PAXIL 30MG TABLET SKB	SEVILLA, ALOMA P	041100	TS	30	2619	67.67	67.67		.00
260957		00002411760	ZYPREXA 10MG TABLET LIL	SEVILLA, ALOMA P	041100	TS	30	2619	227.86	227.86		.00
259751		00364210901	TRAZODONE 50MG TABLET SHN	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	040100	YM	60	2619	5.91	5.91		.00
259752		00173063302	LAMICTAL 25MG TABLET GLX	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	040100	YM	120	2619	216.98	216.98		.00
257397		00071080524	NEURONTIN 300MG CAPSULE P-D	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	040100	YM	180	2619	184.03	184.03		.00
255722		00378015201	CLONIDINE HCL 0.1MG TABLET	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	022600	TS	60	2619	5.85	5.85		.00
255723		00364210901	TRAZODONE 50MG TABLET SHN	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	022600	TS	60	2619	5.91	5.91		.00
254232		00071080524	NEURONTIN 300MG CAPSULE P-D	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	021400	MV	180	2619	184.03	184.03		.00
254233		00378015201	CLONIDINE HCL 0.1MG TABLET	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	021400	DP	30	2619	4.05	4.05		.00
251895		00378015201	CLONIDINE HCL 0.1MG TABLET	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	012200	MV	30	2619	4.05	4.05		.00
251700		00364210901	TRAZODONE 50MG TABLET SHN	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	012000	MV	60	2619	5.91	5.91		.00
246317		00173063302	LAMICTAL 25MG TABLET GLX	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	120699	VJ	120	2619	216.98	216.98		.00
246317	1	00173063302	LAMICTAL 25MG TABLET GLX	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	011200	DP	120	2619	216.98	216.98		.00
246318		00364211001	TRAZODONE 100MG TABLET SHN	KORNICKI, JANUSZ S	120699	VJ	60	2619	8.10	8.10		.00
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# Inmate Suicides Show a Spike At City Jails

By PAUL von ZIELBAUER

Six inmates in the custody of the New York City Department of Correction killed themselves during the first half of this year, the highest number of inmate suicides for any six-month period since 1985, city officials said yesterday.

While that six-month spike is unusual, it does not necessarily represent a nascent pattern, said Martin F. Horn, the correction commissioner. No inmates killed themselves in the last half of 2002, he said, and the annual suicide rate among city inmates has remained relatively steady over the past decade.

Still, the increase in suicides, all by hanging, among the city's roughly 13,000 inmates has prompted the department to take new preventive measures, including using paper instead of cotton bedsheets and replacing 1,900 metal ventilation screens, which suicidal prisoners have used to hang themselves, with collapsible screens.

The paper bedsheets will be used in cells housing mentally unstable inmates; the installation of the new ventilation screens in cells housing new inmates and those under medical observation began in March and should be complete within two or three months, a department spokesman said.

"Our goal is to prevent" suicides, Commissioner Horn said in an interview yesterday, "but this is one of those things where if a person is determined to kill themselves, you can bang your head against the wall trying to find ways to stop them."

Of the six prisoners who committed suicide this year, none appeared to be at high risk of injuring themselves, said Cathy Potler, the deputy executive director of the Board of Correction, an oversight body that sets minimum standards of treatment and care for inmates in the city's custody.

Five of the six were men; three, including the lone female victim, were being held at Rikers Island, she said. The other three victims, who were between 20 and 50 years old, hanged themselves in cells at the Bernard B. Kerik Complex in Lower Manhattan, the now-closed Brooklyn House of Detention and the State Supreme Court building in Brooklyn, she said.

Though suicidal inmates have often used belts or shoelaces to hang themselves, usually from a ventilation screen, cell bar or lighting fixture, Board of Correction regulations allow all inmates to keep their personal clothing while in jail, Mr. Horn said. Since 1993, 47 inmates have killed themselves, according to Department of Correction statistics.

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# 2 suicides at jail on same day probed

## Deaths in Union 'highly unusual'

BY ROBERT E. MISSECK  
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Union County authorities are investigating a pair of suicides that occurred on the same day in the county jail in Elizabeth.

Two inmates, each in his 20s and facing minor charges, hanged themselves with bedsheets in their cells within a 12-hour period Wednesday. Both men were being housed on the same floor. Despite similar circumstances, their deaths appeared to be unrelated, authorities said.

Union County Police said they are continuing their investigation into the deaths of facek Lazarski, 21, of Elizabeth and Gregory Knable, 29, of Sayeville.

"It's highly unusual," Union County Prosecutor Thomas V. Manahan said yesterday. "But at this point, we have no indication they were related in any way, and there is no evidence of any criminal wrongdoing."

Both deaths occurred on the fourth floor, in a cellblock that holds 48 inmates. Authorities were uncertain if the second inmate knew another inmate had killed himself earlier in the day.

Lazarski was found hanging by a bedsheet from the bars of his cell at 12:15 a.m., said Frank Crose, director of the jail. He said Lazarski's cellmate was asleep during the incident.

Knable was alone in his cell when he was found hanging from a bedsheet at lunchtime the same day.

"The correction officer had just given him lunch about a half-hour earlier and was returning to pick up the tray when another inmate saw him hanging and yelled for help," Crose said.

Authorities said Lazarski was brought to the jail July 1 after being arrested by Elizabeth police on charges of driving with a revoked license. He was being held on \$1,000 bail. Knable had been in the jail since July 2 after being arrested by police in Union Township on narcotics possession charges. His bail was \$12,000.

Knable's mother, Benita Knable, said she was not given an adequate explanation about her son's death and accused the officers of being negligent.

"They had a responsibility to protect my son. He shouldn't have been in a jail cell by himself. If they were checking him every half-hour, he would not have had enough time to kill himself," she said, adding that security should have been increased following the initial suicide.

"If another incident happened 12 hours before, aren't you on extra high security to make sure it doesn't happen again?" she asked.

Knable said her son, an unemployed landscaper, had been in and out of jail during the last [See **SUICIDES**, Page 17]

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# SUICIDES

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## Deaths at jail 'highly unusual'

seven years for shoplifting and drug offenses.

"He was not a hardened criminal," she said. "He did have a record, but it was all petty stuff. My son did drugs. I had spoken to him the day before (he was found) he didn't give any signs of even thinking of something like this. He was not in any kind of bad state of mind."

Cröse said two corrections officers are assigned to the unit where the suicides occurred. One of them "routinely moves around the unit," checking on inmates, the jail director said.

"It looks like at this stage of the county police investigation that everybody was doing what they should have been," he said, adding officers are routinely on the alert for potential suicides.

Cröse said the first suicide occurred in the middle of the night, during a shift change.

A full complement of officers was on duty when the second incident occurred, he said.

Although authorities admitted they do not know why either man committed suicide, they ruled out conditions inside the facility.

"The entire building is climate controlled, so the weather was not a factor," Cröse said.

outside in most parts of New Jersey hit the mid- to upper 90s, and the high humidity made it feel like it was over 100 degrees outside.

Once the county police conclude its investigation, jail authorities will conduct their own administrative inquiry "to make sure everything that could have been done was done," the jail director added.

Cröse, who has been working in corrections for 30 years, admitted that two suicides in one day is highly unusual, but said the deaths appeared to be coincidental.

"This is the first time I have had two suicides so close to each other. These are just two terribly unfortunate things."

News of the deaths did not become public immediately.

"We usually don't make a public announcement about suicides at the jail out of respect for the families," said Sebastian D'Elia, public information officer for the county.

The last suicide at the Union County jail took place on July 22, 1999, when a 29-year-old Jersey City man hanged himself with a bedsheet from the grill of an air vent.

The inmate, Cos Harris, left behind a note saying he could not handle going to prison.

He was in the jail awaiting trial on charges of being in possession of narcotics within a school zone, but was already serving time in Hudson County for weapons possession and armed robbery.

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# Mom: Inmate who committed suicide

## Union jail officials deny prisoner showed signs of depression

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One of two men who committed suicide at the Union County jail last week had a history of mental illness and should have been placed under special watch, the victim's mother said yesterday.

While Union County police continue to investigate two back-to-back suicides at the jail in Elizabeth, the mother said jail officials should have recognized her son's medical problems.

"They didn't give him any medical attention," said Zofia Lazarski, whose son, Jacek, 21, died last Wednesday after hanging himself with a bed sheet in his cell. "They were supposed to watch him."

County Public Safety Director Kenneth Gibson disagreed.

"There was no reason to suspect he was a suicide. There was nothing to indicate either one was a candidate for suicide," Gibson said.

"They may have had mental histories, but you have to understand what we find out when they are admitted to the jail. Their full medical history does not come with them," Gibson said.

Jacek Lazarski of Elizabeth and Gregory Knable, 29, of Sayreville hanged themselves with bed sheets in their cells within a 12-hour period on the fourth floor of the jail.

Both were charged with minor crimes, according to authorities, who have been unable to explain why the men killed themselves. The deaths were unrelated, police said.

Lazarski's mother said officials should have picked up on her son's problems from the moment he entered the facility. Simply questioning him as to medications he was taking would have revealed he was troubled, she said.

Lazarski's mother said her son had a history of depression and was on several anti-depressants at the time of his arrest.

Joanna Klobus, Lazarski's girlfriend of five years, said she brought Lazarski to Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth several days before his arrest because he told her he didn't want to live anymore.

"Many times, he took too many (pills). I was scared that he could do something to himself," she said.

Lazarski was arrested on an outstanding warrant accusing him of driving without a license, police said.

Klobus said she bailed him out of jail last summer and was planning to do so again.

"I wanted to bail him out," she said. "Instead, I said let me wait a few days because he has to learn his lesson, to take care of his stuff, to take responsibility for his actions. But he knew he was going to be bailed out."

Lazarski tried to commit suicide last year and was rushed to the emergency room several more times for expressing suicidal thoughts, his mother and girlfriend said.

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Both women said they thought he would be safer in jail where the authorities would watch to make sure he didn't hurt himself.

"I don't know who to blame," Lazarski said. "He wasn't a criminal. He was just sick."

"He was a pretty quiet boy, sensitive," Lazarski said of her son. "He wasn't too strong for the world. I think that's why he got depressed."

Her son quit high school after one year and was working odd jobs, she said.

Following his arrest, Lazarski was rushed to the emergency room at Trinitas Hospital in Elizabeth after he said he was having seizures.

Trinitas Hospital spokesman Doug Harris confirmed that Lazarski was brought over from the jail on June 28, shortly before midnight. Complaining of seizures, he was admitted to the intensive care unit, Harris said.

Lazarski was discharged and released back to the custody of the jail on July 1.

Because the suicides are still

under investigation, Gibson, the county public safety director, said there were details that he could not discuss at this point. However, he said, "absolutely nothing untoward happened here."

"People don't understand what happens when someone puts a ligature around the neck," he said.

Lazarski killed himself by tying one end of a bed sheet to an upper bunk bed and the other end around his neck. Once the brain is deprived of oxygen, Gibson said, the body no longer functions normally.

Even if one changed his mind, the hands no longer function and it becomes impossible to loosen the bed sheet, he said.

Both suicides were in an area of the jail where recent arrivals are placed until they are assigned elsewhere in the jail, Gibson said, noting that an inmate may stay two or three days in the fourth floor area.

Gibson said it is fairly dark in the jail late at night and there was nothing that Lazarski did to arouse any concern from the correction officers on duty.

Jail guards generally check inmates every half-hour.

"Unfortunately, it may only take a person eight to 11 minutes to choke," he said, noting that Lazarski's cellmate slept through the entire incident.

"You can't design any facility to prevent a person's design to take their own life," he said, noting that shoelaces, belts, and anything sharp are all taken away from inmates.

"If we didn't give them bedsheets, we would be accused of cruel and unusual punishment," Gibson said.

Once Union County police complete its investigation into the deaths, the findings will be viewed by the prosecutor's office. Executive Assistant Union County Prosecutor Robert O'Leary said yesterday.

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Private medical care to begin at county jail

Union County expects savings from program to determine if inmates need hospitalization

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It soon will be tougher for Union County inmates to feign acute illness in the hopes of being sent to the hospital so that they can enjoy a few hours out of confinement.

Prisoners placing themselves on sick call first will undergo a preliminary examination at the jail by a physician, who will have up-to-date diagnostic tools to help determine whether a hospital visit is necessary.

A doctor and nurse, along with an X-ray machine and other equipment, will be available round-the-clock beginning Jan. 1, when a private company assumes responsibility for providing medical services at the correctional complex in Elizabeth.

"We have had a problem in the past concerning whether (inmates) go to the hospital, or they should be treated at the medical facilities in house," said Public Safety Director Harold Gibson.

An average of 25 inmates report for sick call each day. Last month, 27 inmates went to the hospital and 13 were admitted, officials said.

The county pays not only for the hospital visit, but also for the cost of providing secure transport to and from the hospital.

Significant savings are expected from the privatization of medical services at the jail, according to County Manager Michael Lapolla, who said Correctional Health Services Inc. of Verona has had a good track record in other counties.



Staff at the county's Runnells Specialized Hospital in Berkeley Heights had been providing care for inmates and young detainees since Elizabeth General Medical Center ended its service several years ago, officials said.

Emergency cases have been taken to St. Elizabeth's Hospital in Elizabeth.

Over the summer, the freeholders approved a \$3.3 million contract with the Correctional Health Services to provide medical care for the more than 1,400 inmates at the jail and the approximately 50 youngsters at the nearby juvenile detention center.

He said hiring Correctional Health Services "will enable us to do things at the facility that we were not able to do before.

The company has contracts with 13 adult or juvenile detention facilities in Bergen, Cape May, Essex, Hudson, Hunterdon, Mercer and Morris counties. Hunterdon County officials say the firm has saved them about \$120,000 at their jail, which houses 104 inmates.

The company said it has saved the Hudson County Jail more than \$6.9 million between 1992 and 1997.

John Furlong, a West Trenton attorney and an inmates rights advocate, opposes privatizing medical services in county jails because "medical care is supposed to be apportioned according to the needs of the patient, not to the economic interests of the agency delivering the service."

Furlong said private medical providers "are in the business of making money," but that "doctors have to take an oath before they practice medicine that puts the patients' interests above all else."

When county officials look for a medical services firm, "They take bids from agencies who can deliver this service most cheaply," he said. "If you are the agency submitting the bid, it's in your best interests not to treat people."

Gibson maintains privatization "will mean top-notch treatment for the inmates that is consistent with what is being done throughout the nation."

Added Frank Crose, assistant jail director, "Privatization of medical services in correctional institutions is getting to be more

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Three federal prisoners being held in the old Union County Jail got their terms cut because of poor conditions there.

U.S. District Judge Dickinson R. Debevoise earlier this month reduced the sentence of Wilson Insuasti because conditions at the Elizabeth facility were "abominable."

In his ruling, Debevoise cited a report commissioned by the U.S. Justice Department that said conditions at the jail were "deplorable and inexcusable."

Debevoise agreed to cut at least six months from Insuasti's sentence for money laundering. The revised, 16-month term amounted to a sentence of time served.

It was the third sentence reduced by a federal judge in New Jersey because of the "substandard conditions" at the Union County facility.

The report said prisoners at the jail, built in 1925, live in hot, cramped cells, wash their clothes in mop buckets, and are fed by a food-service operation "nothing short of disgusting."

It is the older of two county jails and holds about 230 federal prisoners a day awaiting trial, sentencing, or transfer to another facility. Another jail opened across the street in 1989 for those convicted of state crimes in Union County.

U.S. District Judge John Lifland earlier had reduced the sentences of two defendants because the facility's kitchen was "awash with pools and puddles of dirty standing water with old food remnants floating in it," spilled food in storage areas, and mouse droppings on the floor.

Tonianne Bongiovanni, acting first assistant federal public defender for New Jersey, said the rulings have inspired defense attorneys to seek leniency for federal clients being held in Union County.

"It's why we have the Eighth Amendment, to protect against cruel and unusual punishment," Bongiovanni said in reports published Thursday. "We're not talking about access to color TV. You're talking about stripping people of basic dignity."

According to the report, which was funded by the National Institute of Corrections, federal officials in New Jersey pay about \$6.4 million a year to house prisoners at the jail. Because of overcrowding at the Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan, federal authorities in New Jersey have contracted with county facilities to house federal prisoners.

The report said the old jail was supposed to have been torn down when the new jail was built, but was kept open because of the rising number of inmates.

The U.S. marshal for New Jersey, Glenn Cunningham, whose office is in charge of supervising housing for federal prisoners, said the facility meets federal standards.

"Like any jail, you're going to have some problems," Cunningham said.

Joseph Ponte, the county director of corrections, who runs the jail, acknowledged it is troubled.

"There are a million problems, and they are going to take some time to address," Ponte said.

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### SPECIAL REPORT ▼



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## Medical Reforms for Essex Jails Turn Legal Foe Into Lauding Fan

Measures to be put in place to overcome nursing shortage

By Henry Gottlieb

**G**oaded by an expert's finding of deteriorating health care, the medical staff at Essex County's jails has announced reforms that are getting favorable reviews, even from an inmate-advocacy lawyer who has been struggling with the county off and on since 1982.

The program, drafted in September, is likely to obviate any thought of litigation with the county for alleged noncompliance with a 1995 medical consent order, says T. Gary Mitchell, the prisoner-rights' attorney.

Central to the plan is a promise by the private company that provides medical care at the jails, Correctional Health Services Inc. of Verona, to do what it takes

to stop constant turnover of nursing staff and improve nursing care supervision.

CHS President Robert De Tore says the program will require his company to spend about \$60,000 out of its profits from the three-year, \$4.4 million-a-year contract with the county that expires in 2001.

"It looks like they're going to do what's necessary," says Mitchell, a partner in the Princeton office of Philadelphia's Duane, Morris & Heckscher. He headed the state Office of Inmate Advocacy in the 1980s, went into private practice in the early 1990s and was brought back earlier this year as the office's outside counsel for the Essex jail case.

Mitchell's history of clashes with the

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## Bill Criminalizing Victim Contacts Set To Advance

By Michael Booth

**T**he Senate Judiciary Committee poised to recommend legislation that would criminalize solicitation of accident victims as clients within 30 days of occurrence.

The bill, S-2013, backed by the committee's chairman, William Gormley, R-Atlantic, and another member, Norm Robertson, R-Passaic, is one of several criminal law bills scheduled for committee hearings today.

The measure was introduced on June 21 and is identical to a bill passed a week earlier by the Assembly Judiciary Committee, A-1820. It would make solicitation a third-degree crime.

The State Bar Association and the Association of Trial Lawyers of America in New Jersey had opposed the Assembly bill, which originally had no proscription against insurance company lawyers or representatives approaching victims about prospective claims.

In response, A-1820 was amended to make an insurance release or waiver of rights signed within the 30-day period unenforceable unless the person receives written notice — in 12-point bold type — saying that he or she has the right to speak to a lawyer. A release or waiver of rights may be reviewed by a lawyer and voided within 10 days.

With the bar groups now placated, and with no lobby opposing the measure, it is likely to be passed in both houses.

The legislation was introduced in response to the actions of several attorneys following the Texas Eastern Transmission Co. pipeline explosion that destroyed the Durham Woods apartments in Edison on

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## Walsh Securities: War of Attrition

A \$400M firm at the center of a criminal probe, though never charged, is put out of business

month. "We are looking to start at the bottom," Robert Jordan, the No. 2 at the FBI's Newark office, was quoted in *The Star-Ledger* of Newark as saying close to two years ago.

One of the government's weapons has



# Medical Reforms for Essex Jails Turn Legal Foe Into Lauding Fan

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county over jail conditions started before some of the current inmates were born. Now he and Ronald Manzella, the county's director of the Division of Correctional Services, are acting like Humphrey Bogart and Claude Rains at the end of "Casablanca." Is this the beginning of a beautiful friendship?

Mitchell says the process that led to the plan shows that public officials responsible for jails must keep pressure on private providers driven by profit motive.

It also doesn't hurt to have a consent order subject to court enforcement lurking as a weapon over a defendant county, Mitchell and Manzella say.

Mitchell says he has come to the conclusion that Manzella has his heart in the right place and works hard to run decent jails, the main facility in Newark and the annex in Caldwell.

Ultimately, though, "We had county defendants who were responsive knowing they were going to be held accountable by the court for any failures by CHS," Mitchell adds.

The interaction between court, county and private vendor began in the mid-1990s after U.S. District Judge Harold Ackerman considered fining the county millions of dollars for running a health care system that violated inmates' constitutional rights. Several inmates suffering from chronic illnesses had died after what looked like slow

reaction by the medical staff.

Under the 1995 consent order, CHS was hired to provide doctors, nurses and support staff and operate a professional health care system. Progress was slow, but there were no more deaths, and by the summer of 1998, Ronald Shansky, a medical consultant from Chicago, reported he was optimistic that the program would soon reach full compliance with the consent orders.

Last Aug. 19, though, Shansky wrote to jail officials, CHS and the special masters appointed by Ackerman: "My optimism has faded."

Put briefly, a shortage of registered nurses and CHS's failure to recruit replacements had created problems with sick calls, distribution of medicine and monitoring patients with chronic illnesses. There also were failures when it came to following up patients who needed to be seen after skin tests and X-rays.

Medical Director Ralph Woodward was doing an outstanding job, Shansky reported, but he added: "How long will he continue attempting to provide leadership in a program that has such a flawed infrastructure?"

Shansky concluded: "I would hope that this report is seen as a wake-up call, and efforts will be made which will strengthen the program and provide for an ultimate finding of substantial compliance through-out the program."

The problem was caused by a nursing



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**FADING OPTIMISM:** Ronald Shansky believed in 1998 that compliance with the consent orders seemed likely, but now says a shortage of registered nurses and the failure to recruit replacements has created numerous problems.

shortage that has hit the U.S. health care industry, Shansky said. "They were having a problem with RNs because RNs are hard to come by," says Assistant County Counsel Harry Del Piao.

By Mitchell's reckoning, though, there's no nursing shortage for institutions willing to pay good salaries. "It isn't Monteriore Hospital and the Mayo Clinic that's having a shortage of nurses. It's institutions that aren't attracting them," Mitchell says.

In the history of the Essex County jail litigation, findings like Shansky's have often triggered litigation over the facts. In

this case, though, Manzella and the county embraced the report. Indeed, the county may have egged Shansky on.

Two participants in the case say county officials savvy to the ways of bureaucracy told Shansky to make his report as tough as possible so they could use it as ammunition to get CHS to act.

Under the new plan, some registered nurses, whose education and expertise are covered in the private marketplace, will be replaced by easier-to-recruit licensed practical nurses. That should end the rapid turnover. Supervision also will be beefed up and so will the corps of nurse practitioners. It should all be in place when Shansky makes his next visit in December, CHS said in its plan.

CHS provides medical services for 18 jails in 10 New Jersey counties and has never failed to win renewals when its contracts have expired, company president DeTore says. What happened in Essex, he adds, shows that privatization is good because counties have more leverage with vendors who fear nonrenewal than they would with county employees protected by civil service benefits.

"We're under a lot more pressure from county freeholders to provide good service, and that's fine," he says.

Charles Logan, a sociology professor at the University of Connecticut who has studied jail privatization and has concluded it's a good development, says the power of public bodies over private vendors makes for better jails.

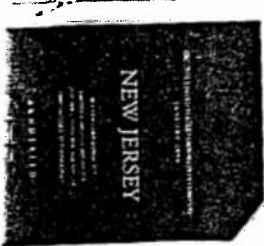
"Counties and states are better at monitoring and disciplining contractors than they are at monitoring themselves," Logan says. Even court supervision isn't necessary, he says, though it is beneficial when, as in this case, the consent orders provide for monitoring.

**Benet Zuritsky**, one of the court-appointed masters in the Essex jail case says medical care is one of the court's most serious concerns. "I'm happy they worked it out. It did not require heavy-handed intervention by the court," says Zuritsky, a partner with Newark's Reitman Parsonnet.

## Drop in Essex Inmate Population May Reduce Size of New Jail

During the 17 years of federal litigation over the two Essex County jails, overcrowding has been the main issue. It got so bad in the late 1980s that U.S. District Judge Harold Ackerman ordered the county to post bail for its own prisoners, just to

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SEX	DATE OF BIRTH	MOST SERIOUS CHARGE(S)	DATE	TIME
NAME OF FACILITY		NAME OF SCREENING OFFICER		Detainee showed serious psychiatric problems during prior incarceration Yes _____ No _____

Check appropriate column for each question

	Column A YES	Column B NO	General Comments/Observations
<b>OBSERVATIONS OF TRANSPORTING OFFICER</b>			
1. Arresting or transporting officer believes that detainee may be a suicide risk. <i>If YES, notify Shift Commander.</i>			
<b>PERSONAL DATA</b>			
2. Detainee lacks close family or friends in the community.	No Family/Friends		
3. Detainee has experienced a significant loss within the last six months (e.g. loss of job, loss of relationship, death of close family member).			
4. Detainee is very worried about major problems other than legal situation (e.g., serious financial or family problems, a medical condition or fear of losing job).			
5. Detainee's family or significant other (spouse, parent, close friend, lover) has attempted or committed suicide.			
6. Detainee has psychiatric history. (Note current psychotropic medications and name of most recent treatment agency)			
7. Detainee has history of drug or alcohol abuse.			
8. Detainee holds position of respect in community (e.g., professional, public official) and/or alleged crime is shocking in nature. <i>If YES, notify Shift Commander.</i>			
9. Detainee is thinking about killing himself. <i>If YES, notify Shift Commander.</i>			
10. Detainee has previous suicide attempt. (Check wrists and note method.)			
11. Detainee feels that there is nothing to look forward to in the future. (expresses feelings of helplessness or hopelessness). <i>If YES, to 10 and 11, notify Shift Commander.</i>	Nothing to Look Forward to		
<b>BEHAVIOR/APPEARANCE</b>			
12. Detainee shows signs of depression (e.g., crying, emotional lability).			
13. Detainee appears overly anxious, afraid or angry.			
14. Detainee appears to feel unusually embarrassed or ashamed.			
15. Detainee is acting and/or talking in a strange manner (e.g., cannot focus attention, hearing or seeing things which are not there).			
16. A. Detainee is apparently under the influence of alcohol or drugs.			
B. <i>If YES, is detainee incoherent, or showing signs of withdrawal or mental illness? If YES to both A &amp; B, notify Shift Commander.</i>			
<b>CRIMINAL HISTORY</b>			
17. This is detainee's first arrest.			

TOTAL Column A \_\_\_\_\_

NOTATION  
If total checks in Column A are 6 or more, notify Shift Commander.

Shift Commander notified: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

Supervision Instituted: Routine \_\_\_\_\_ Active \_\_\_\_\_ Constant \_\_\_\_\_

Detainee Referred to Medical/Mental Health: Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

	EMERGENCY	NON-EMERGENCY
If Yes:	medical _____	medical _____
	mental health _____	mental health _____

Medical/Mental Health Personnel Actions: (To be completed by medical/MH staff)

# GENERAL INFORMATION

This form is to be completed in triplicate for all detainees prior to cell assignment. Insert top copy in detainee's file. If detainee is referred, give second copy to medical or mental health personnel. The third copy is available for use according to our facility's procedures.

- Comment Column:** Use to note:
  1. Information about the detainee that officer feels is relevant and important.
  2. Information requested in questions 6 and 10, and
  3. Information regarding detainee's refusal or inability to answer questions (See Below - General Instructions)
- Detainee's Name:** Enter detainee's first and last name and middle initial.
- Sex:** Enter male (m) or female (f).
- Date of Birth:** Enter day, month and year.
- Most Serious Charge(s):** Enter the most serious charge or charges [no more than two (2)] from this arrest.
- Date:** Enter day, month and year that form was completed.
- Time:** Enter the time of day the form was completed.
- Name of Facility:** Enter name of jail or lock-up.
- Name of Screening Officer:** Enter name of officer completing form.
- Psychiatric Problems During Prior Incarceration:** Check YES if facility files show that during prior detention detainee attempted suicide and/or was referred for mental health services. If "unknown", write unknown across space.

## INSTRUCTIONS FOR ITEMS 1 - 17

### General Instructions

Check the appropriate YES or NO box for items 1-17. If information required to complete these questions is unknown to screening officer, such information should be obtained by asking detainee to answer questions. However, detainee has a right to refuse to answer. If detainee refuses to answer questions 2-11, enter RTA (refused to answer) in the Comment Column next to each question. In addition complete the YES or NO boxes only if information is known to you. If during an otherwise cooperative interview, detainee refuses to answer one or two questions: Check YES in the box(es) next to the unanswered question(s) and enter RTA in the comment box next to each unanswered question. If detainee is unable to answer all question 2-11, enter UTA (unable to answer) in the Comment Column next to each question. Also enter reason (e.g., intoxicated, not English speaking) for not answering these questions in the Comment Column next to question 2. In addition complete the YES or NO boxes only if information is known to you.

### Observation of Transporting Officer

ITEM (1) **Suicide risk:** Check YES or NO box based upon the verbal report of the arresting/transporting officer or upon the screening form completed by the police agency. If YES, notify shift commander.

### Personal Data Questions

- ITEM (2) **Family/friends:** Check NO box if someone other than a lawyer or bondsman would (1) be willing to post detainee's bail, (2) visit detainee while he/she is incarcerated, or (3) accept a collect call from detainee.
- ITEM (3) **Significant loss:** Ask all three components to this question—loss of job, loss of relationship and death of close friend or family member.
- ITEM (4) **Worried about problems:** Ask about such problems as financial, medical condition or fear of losing job. Check YES if detainee answers YES to any of these.
- ITEM (5) **Family/significant other attempted suicide:** Significant other is defined as someone who has an important emotional relationship with the detainee.
- ITEM (6) **Psychiatric History:** Check YES box if detainee (1) has ever had psychiatric hospitalization, (2) is currently on psychotropic medication, or (3) has been an outpatient psychotherapy during the past six months. Note current psychotropic medication and name of the most recent treatment agency in the Comment Column.
- ITEM (7) **Drug or Alcohol History:** Check YES box if detainee has had prior treatment for alcohol/drug abuse or if prior arrests were alcohol/drug related.
- ITEM (8) **Respect and shocking crime:** Check YES if detainee is very respected for work, community activities, etc. and/or the crime is shocking in nature, e.g. child molestation.
- ITEM (9) **Suicidal:** Check YES box if detainee makes a suicidal statement or if he responds YES to direct question, "Are you thinking about killing yourself?" If YES, notify shift commander.
- ITEM (10) **Previous attempt:** Check YES box if detainee states he has attempted suicide. If YES, note the method used in the Comment Column. If either YES or NO, check detainee's wrists and note any scars in Comment Column.
- ITEM (11) **Hopeless:** Check YES box if detainee states feeling hopeless, that he has given up, that he feels helpless to make his life better. If YES to both items 10 and 11, notify shift commander.

### Behavior Appearance Observations

- YES or NO must always be checked for each of these items. They are observations made by the screening officer. They are not questions.
- ITEM (12) **Depression includes behavior such as:** crying, emotional flatness, apathy, lethargy, extreme sadness, unusually slow reactions.
  - ITEM (13) **Overly anxious, afraid or angry includes such behaviors as:** handwringing, pacing, excessive fidgeting, profuse sweating, cursing, physical violence, threatening, etc.
  - ITEM (14) **Unusually embarrassed or ashamed:** Check YES box if detainee makes non-elicited statements indicating worry about how family/friends/community will respond to his detention.
  - ITEM (15) **Acting in strange manner:** Check YES box if you observe any unusual behavior or speech, such as hallucinations, severe mood swings, disorientation, withdrawal, etc.
  - ITEM (16A) **Detainee under the influence:** Check YES if someone is apparently intoxicated on drugs or alcohol.
  - ITEM (16B) **Incoherence, withdrawal, or mental illness:** Withdrawal means physical withdrawal from substance. If YES to both A & B, notify shift commander.

### Criminal History

ITEM (17) **No prior arrests:** Check YES box if this is detainee's first arrest.

### SCORING

Be sure to count all checks in column A and enter total in the space provided. Notify shift commander 1) total is 8 or more, or 2) any shaded boxes are checked, or 3) if you feel notification is appropriate.

### DISPOSITION

#### Officer Actions

- Shift commander notified:** Check YES or NO. Shift Commander should be notified about detainee prior to cell assignment.
- Supervision instituted:** Check appropriate supervision disposition. This section is to be completed by shift commander. For definition of active, constant and routine see N.Y.S. Commission of Correction Minimum Standards for Local Correctional Facilities.
- Detainee referred to medical and mental health personnel:** Check YES or NO. If YES, check emergency/nonemergency, medical/mental health. This section is to be completed by shift commander.

#### Medical/Mental Health Actions

This section should be completed by medical/mental health staff and should include recommendations and/or actions taken.