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Dear Shift Commander of Currant Mental Health:

I am the mother of Samuel Warren Shaffer – 236944 and I would like to bring to your attention an incident that was documented in a hearing on 2-21-2023. I am enclosing the Disciplinary Findings Form MD-2.

The charge was that Samuel refused to be moved into Alta area with a cellmate named Atkinson. This was true. Samuel pled guilty to not being willing to move into that situation. He had some very good reasons –

- 1) Samuel has Central Core Disease and is extremely weak in his arm and leg muscles. He is not able to defend himself
- 2) He believes that Mr. Atkinson is a violent person that has been shown in the past to be a danger to his cellmates. Samuel says that Mr. Atkinson hit a friend of his with a stick before.
- 3) Samuel has some gender issues and believes that this would make him more of a target of violence. Samuel is also convicted of sex offences and this would also be a trigger to someone like Mr. Atkinson.
- 4) Samuel has severe mental issues that make it difficult for him to handle stressful situations. Since he has been incarcerated, he has attempted suicide three times. His mental state is fragile and he needs to be in Currant Mental Health for the resources it provides. Moving him into Alta could be life threatening for him.

Charging Samuel with a \$150 fine for his guilty plea is unfair. He did refuse to move but it was for his own safety. This is discriminatory to Samuel as a physically disabled individual as well as his mental health disability and gender issues.

I am enclosing a letter that I wrote on 2-1-2023, before this incident happened. I wrote it in response to another issue, but it gives you a background to understand Samuel Shaffer's situation.

I am asking that the fine be removed and that you keep Samuel Shaffer in Currant Mental Health for the duration of his incarceration.

Thank you for your consideration of this matter.

Sincerely,


Mary C Young