

Botelho v. Nelson, USDC Mass 94-12146. Female prisoner who was forcibly strip-searched by male correctional officers, despite rule that female officers conduct such searches, availability of female officers to do so, and lack of any emergency since prisoner was confined to isolation cell. The prisoner received a substantial monetary settlement.

Cohen v. Dipaolo, Suffolk 93-07314. Unlawful conditions at MCI-Concord, including inadequate sanitation, bedding, heat, toilets, water and wash facilities. Court has enjoined most of the challenged violations, and has appointed a special master to oversee improvement of the conditions of confinement.

Connors v. Dubois, Suffolk 95-5522. Inadequate medical diets and medical care to prisoners who require special diets, such as for diabetic and heart conditions. The Department of Corrections has agreed to extensive regulations governing dietary care.

DeMaria v. Worcester County, Worcester 94-01498. Otherwise healthy 30-year-old prisoner died of pneumonia as a result of being denied medical care, despite repeated requests from himself and other prisoners for two weeks during which his health visibly deteriorated.

Hoffer v. Fair, SJC 85-71. Irrational procedures for putting prisoners in segregation cells, the most expensive form of confinement in the Commonwealth. Court ordered the Department of Corrections to implement thorough regulations governing the use of segregation.

LaLiberte v. DuBois, Suffolk 92-5530. Guard assault resulting in rupture of prisoner's testicle, followed by a cover-up by correctional officers. The Department of Corrections agreed to a substantial monetary settlement.

Parenti v. Fair, USDC Mass. 81-1379. Prison guards and supervisors found liable for mass assault on prisoners who were locked in their cells.

Tucker v. Fredericks, Suffolk 95-00680. Unlawful conditions at Barnstable County Jail and House of Correction, including inadequate sanitation, bedding, heat, toilets, water and wash facilities. Court has enjoined most of the challenged violations, and has appointed a special master to oversee improvement of the conditions of confinement.

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