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Hello,

I think that it is very important to point out that the horrific acts done to J'Allen have been occurring for decades.

Please look up the Connecticut Supreme Court case,
Wiseman v Armstrong 269 Conn 802 from 2004.

What happened to J'Allen also happened to Bryant Wiseman. The same response, the same outcome 25 years ago. Why?

Because correctional institutions are not designed to house individuals with psychiatric disabilities. The Wiseman decision truly summarizes what the state thinks about mental health in corrections.

One of the main problems is the Attorney General's refusal to grant patients rights to individuals with psychiatric disabilities held within correctional institutions (see Opinions of the Attorney General No.97-016). The 8th Amendment standard (Cruel and Unusual Punishment), allows the state to house individuals with psychiatric disabilities and provide them with the bare minimum in treatment. It is much cheaper and exposes the state to less legal liability.

However, as much as the Garner Correctional website claims to be a psychiatric facility, our state law clearly states it is definitely not. It's a lie sold to the public. But thanks to all of you, the lie will be exposed.