

Private Corrections Institute, Inc.

March 7, 2008

SENT VIA FAX ONLY

The Honorable Patrick Leahy, Chairman
Senate Committee on the Judiciary
United States Senate
224 Dirksen Senate Office Bldg.
Washington, DC 20510

RE: Statement from Estelle Richardson's Sister – Puryear Nomination


Dear Senator Leahy:

On behalf of Ms. Diane Buie, sister-by-adoption of Estelle Richardson, the female prisoner who was killed at a CCA-operated jail in Nashville in July 2004, whose death has become an issue of concern in Mr. Puryear's nomination, I am forwarding the attached personal statement.

Mr. Puryear has repeatedly expressed his opinion, and cited the opinion of paid medical experts, in relation to Estelle Richardson's death and the injuries she sustained. In the attached letter Ms. Buie sets forth her own opinions and beliefs concerning her sister's death and the conduct of Corrections Corp. of America, Mr. Puryear's employer.

Thank you for your time and attention in this regard;

Sincerely,



Alex Friedmann
Vice President, PCI

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Dear Mr. Friedmann, Vice President, PC 1

My name is Diane Buis, I am
Estelle Ann Richardson's sister.

I live in Lansing, MI.

I am sure my sister Estelle Richardson's
death resulted from being beat up
every day that she was in CCA.

She was not around other inmates
CCA moved her to a one person's
cell and she only came out
maybe once hour a day for showers.

So how do they explain her having a
burst eardrum that bled for days
with out medical attention. She was
pepper sprayed while she was in a caged
shower. The Guard's then handcuffed, placed
in leg iron's and officer's put substantial
or significant pressure on my sister
Estelle Richardson's back while face
down and prone position after being
subdued and incapacitated. (This episode
was videotaped)

I know for a fact the four guard's
are guilty and charges should have
never been dropped.

In regard to my sister Estelle Richardson having four broken Rib's, there's no way CPR being performed could have resulted from that. According to the Davidson County Medical Examiner, and I personally don't believe that, at all.

One on the guard's there working was a Pit Boxer, so he used my sister as a punching bag. Damaged Liver, Tissue^{it} came from one of the guard Punching, beating and pushing her in the wall. Estelle would never ~~hurt~~^{hurt} herself because she thought she was coming home to her two kids, who she dearly loved.

CCA never apologized to our family or Estelle's kids.

I'm very angry inside, for what CCA let happen to my sister, Estelle Ann Richardson, while in their ~~care~~ care. How could ~~for~~ CPR ~~and~~ allow a inmate^{to} be beaten up every day, then die?

I feel Justice Was Not Served.
I was not a Party to the Settlement

and thus not bound by
~~any~~ any confidentiality provisions
(Please share with media.)

Sincerely

Diane Burt

Estelle Ann Richardson sister

