

compelled inmates to clean toilets with their tongues. Done apparently in an organized and conspiratorial fashion, inmates were forced to choose between eating their food off of floors or providing sexual favors to guards." The abusers face a combined 23 state criminal charges. The FBI and U.S. Attorney are reportedly looking into civil rights violations connected to these cases.

Charges Filed in Florida Boot Camp Death

Seven former juvenile boot camp guards and a nurse were charged with aggravated manslaughter in the death of 14-year-old Martin Lee Anderson, who collapsed in the exercise yard at the Bay County sheriff's boot camp in Panama City, Florida on January 5, 2005. Anderson was beaten by guards who said he was uncooperative and refused to continue participating in boot camp intake exercises. Anderson's death was captured on videotape.

Initially, the medical examiner's autopsy claimed Anderson died of complications from sickle cell, a usually benign blood disorder in blacks. However, a second autopsy ruled Anderson suffocated due to the guards' actions. Anderson's death caused the state's top law enforcement officer to resign and the military-style boot camp's elimination. The Associated Press.

Deadly Restraint

Officers said Paul Choy, a 5' 4", fifteen-year-old, refused to comply with punishment for failing to finish a five-mile run (2-4-92). Choy was restrained by two staff members with a choke hold for ten minutes. When the officers released their hold, Choy was no longer breathing.

A nurse trained to identify signs of sexual assault observed injuries consistent with anal rape. "His was the first such case to come to my attention. Now, I've lost count of the number of children killed by suffocation in custodial settings. Yes, I said 'suffocation.' I know the preferred euphemism here is 'accidental restraint-related death.' But out of respect for the victims and for the English language, I opt to use the other word."

Blaming the victim, officials said, "Paul was too frail a boy for boot camp. He didn't have the 'athletic ability.' He should have been sent somewhere else. His 'accident' was the result of an unfortunate bureaucratic oversight. They miscalculated, sending a puny, little Asian kid to a camp designed for tough young thugs (niggers), who are inured to being knocked around--ones who would benefit from being marched and exercised to exhaustion and could safely bounce back from almost 'any amount of brutal treatment.'

Paul's demise was part of 'the window of loss,' similar to an egg in a large shipment to market. One must expect some breakage, particularly among the ones with prior defects. It's the price of doing business." Whenever the subject of young people dying violently in custodial settings make the news, which is becoming more frequent as larger numbers of them are funneled into that industry, there is a call for better trained staff, rather than examining the efficacy of the whole notion of punishment, particularly in isolated settings. See www.nospank.net/camps for more.

Texas: A Hellhole of Abuse
By John Burl Smith

Morales v. Turman (1977), a federal lawsuit to reform Texas' juvenile detention system, as well as end the physical abuse of incarcerated youths, required observation monitors. According to monitor Steve Bercu, "Within days after we arrived, the culture inside the institutions reverted to what it was before. They were beating kids up, and doing bad things just like before. Texas' ingrained, entrenched, institutional culture, simply took over again."

On Tuesday (5-1-07), police went to 22 Texas Youth Commission (TYC) facilities and its headquarters in Austin to investigate claims that young inmates were sexually abused and that TYC officials covered it up. TYC houses about 2,700 youth ages 10 to 21. A 2005 investigation unearthed evidence that high-ranking officials at its West Texas State School in Pyote had repeated sexual contact with some of the 250 youth housed there.

Charged with abuses dating from October 2004, the former assistant superintendent at TYC's West Texas State School was indicted on two counts of improper relationship with students and two counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody. The former principal was indicted on one count of sexual assault, nine counts of improper sexual activity with a person in custody and nine counts of improper relationship between a student and an educator.

Amidst headlines of a crackdown on illegal sexual encounters between agency employees and their charges, a halfway house employee in Fort Worth, Texas was arrested (4-25-07) and accused of trying to entice a girl to perform oral sex. On April 30, health services auditors disclosed that a rape at a state youth lockup was not reported or followed up, along with myriads of other problems ranging from delayed treatment to lack of psychiatric care.

Then came this bomb shell, superintendent of the high-security juvenile prison, Evins Regional Juvenile Center in Edinburg, Texas was fired (4-29-07) amid allegations of inmate abuse. Texas continues to be a "hellhole of abuse" for youth even after Morales. State officials have opened 27 investigations into inmate complaints of abuse at Evins.

A US Attorney's report said that the prison's high levels of violence, overcrowding, and an inadequate number of guards violated inmates' constitutional rights. Inmate-on-inmate assaults were five times the national average for a comparable facility.

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When Kids Get Life

In 1992, the US ratified the International Covenant on Civil and Political Rights, which requires that juvenile imprisonment focus on rehabilitation. However, the US reserved the right to sentence juveniles to life without

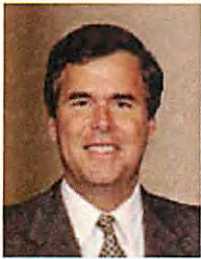
parole in extreme cases involving the most hardened of criminals.

According to Human Rights Watch and Amnesty International, more than 2,000 inmates are currently serving life without parole in the US for crimes committed when they were juveniles. Worldwide, the US is one of the only countries that allows children under 18 to be sentenced to life without parole. Figures reported by the UN' Convention on the Rights of the Child show only 12 juveniles are serving such sentences outside the US.

In *When Kids Get Life*, FRONTLINE producer Ofra Bikel (*The O.J. Verdict*, *Innocence Lost*) profiles five individuals sentenced to life without parole as juveniles in Colorado, an early pioneer in juvenile justice that focused on rehabilitation rather than punishment. According to Bikel, the focus on rehabilitation took a sharp turn in the late 1980s and 1990s, when violent crimes by young offenders increased and attracted enormous press coverage. In response, legislators nationwide clamped down. The Colorado General Assembly eliminated the possibility of parole for life sentences and expanded the power of district attorneys to treat juveniles as adults.

For more on the young men sentenced to live without parole, their victims and the ongoing debate on juvenile justice and the harsh punishments meted out to youthful offenders, visit www.pbs.org, where you can view the video *When Kids Get Life*.

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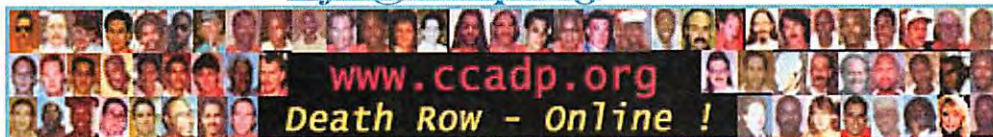
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