

"They were more like roommates."

In a special jail-within-a-jail called 10 South, alleged terrorists, mobsters and drug kingpins are subject to some of the most brutal conditions of solitary confinement in the nation. This extreme isolation, reserved for those charged with the most heinous crimes, was described as "a punitive measure that is unworthy of the United States as a civilized democracy," according to a former special monitor on torture and punishment for the United Nations who investigated the case of one prisoner held there for three years."

"Hundreds of people indicted in the Southern District of New York, as well as many individuals indicted in the Eastern District, based in Brooklyn's federal court across the river, end up at the jail awaiting trial for federal offenses including drug-related crimes, fraud, bribery, and sex offenses. Defendants facing terrorism charges have spent more than three years at the facility, attorneys say. But even those facing less high-profile charges generally spend at least one or two years there before their criminal cases are resolved."

New York attorney Joshua Dratel, who has represented clients at the notorious U.S. facility at Guantanamo, says "in some regards, MCC—particularly 10 South — is worse." Dratel said he has represented nearly a dozen people who have served time on 10 South, and countless others in MCC. He describes the prison as "soul-negating."

"It's physically, mentally, psychologically, emotionally—as unaccommodating to the idea of being human as any place I've been," Dratel told Gothamist.

Bruce Barket, a New York Attorney who has visited clients at MCC described the institution as "infested with rats and mold." He went on to state, "The Facility is run with a bad combination of laziness and cruelty," citing the Epstein death is one of the results. He describes the Special Housing Unit as "a place where an inmate sits in a box and stares at the wall."

Jeanne Thesharis is a Distinguished Professor of Political

Science at Brooklyn College who has written extensively about conditions at MCC.

"If I described these conditions to you—filthy, freezing, no natural light, isolation so extreme that you're punished for speaking through the walls, absurd rules like prisoners not getting to see the newspapers unless they're 30 days old, secrecy so deep that people are force-fed and lawyers can be punished for describing the conditions their clients are experiencing—you'd be forgiven for thinking that this was Iran or Russia," she said.

"But in fact this gulag exists right here in lower Manhattan."

Andrew Laufer, a civil rights attorney who has filed several lawsuits challenging conditions at the BOP's two federal jails in New York City, recalled suing the BOP on behalf of a prisoner at MCC who had had his fingertip chopped off by a cell door. Rather than being placed in an ambulance, alleges Laufer, the man was chained at his ankles and wrists and brought to the hospital by correctional officers, bleeding profusely.

"I think it's a human rights violation," Laufer says of the medical care at MCC. "I think it's an Eighth Amendment violation—deliberate indifference."

In the past 15 years, at least one correctional officer at MCC has been convicted of beating an inmate, and at least three guards have been convicted of sexually assaulting inmates. In 2016, a former correctional officer at MCC was sentenced to seven years for raping an inmate. Most recently a former MCC Staff Member was convicted of taking bribes to smuggle food, alcohol and cellphones into the facility.

In a 2011 letter to then-Attorney General Eric Holder, Amnesty International expressed concern that conditions on 10 South "fall short of international standards for humane treatment" and "appear incompatible with the presumption of innocence." The brutal nature of life on the unit, including its extreme conditions of isolation, were also documented in a 2014 Human

Rights Watch Report, about human rights abuses in US terrorism prosecutions.

During his six-year term as the UN Special Rapporteur for Torture and Other Cruel, Inhuman or Degrading Treatment or Punishment, which ended in October 2016, the BOP prevented Juan Méndez from speaking to suspected or convicted terrorists. Méndez was able to investigate the conditions at 10 South by interviewing family members of the incarcerated and contacting the State Department about the allegations. He ultimately determined that international human rights protections had been violated.

While there has been increasing advocacy for reforms to local jail and prison conditions, federal prisons remain a kind of political orphan, a situation compounded in the Trump era. "Rikers is a good example of the power of people in a democracy to hold their elected officials accountable," said Fettig, "but in the federal context—federal facilities house people from all around the country, and so there's no natural constituency in the state, city, county they're located in" to express concern about what's happening on the inside.

As a result, for people locked up at MCC, there's little hope that conditions will improve anytime soon.

That could be exactly the way jailers and prosecutors want it. Pre-trial detention, which often lasts years, can become not only unsafe, but coercive; as a result, individuals are pressured to provide information to prosecutors or accept plea deals in their desperation to be released, say former prisoners.

"You want to plead guilty and get out of this dump to a prison," said Nicky, the former inmate. "The feds have a 98% conviction rate for a reason," Melvin Rodriguez, another former prisoner said. "They mentally break you."

Asked why he thought MCC has received so much less coverage than Rikers, Rodriguez replied, "I think [MCC] went unnoticed because people think just because it's the feds the conditions are better. There are certain things that go on in these places that the government covers so the public would never know."

But for years, MCC has been plagued by filthy conditions, abusive guards, and a severe lack of medical care, as Gothamist documented in an extensive investigation last year. Defense attorneys, former inmates, and others with direct knowledge of conditions at MCC said Epstein's death epitomized how all individuals, even the most infamous people on the planet, are treated in the facility.

Susan Kellman has been working as a federal defense attorney and representing clients at MCC for about 30 years, and described the MCC's recent condition as "the worst that it's ever been."

Kellman said that one of her clients, a young man, has been in the Special Housing Unit—the unit where Epstein died—for the three and a half years.

"His entire window is covered in mold," she said, and because the hot and cold water in the cell come out of different taps, her client can't even take a shower without getting frozen or scorched.

She recalled that she'd had one client at the facility who was charged with observing and safeguarding suicidal prisoners, since there weren't enough correctional officers to do the job.

"So they have inmates patrolling the suicide block so that they keep an eye on the people rather than people [who] get paid by the government doing it," Kellman said. "Do they really care? Do they watch? Who knows!"

Kellman described a third client who suffers from mental health issues as well as severe asthma, but has been unable to get the nebulizer treatment she says she needs to control the disease. During one visit, Kellman said her client's breathing was so labored she couldn't carry on a conversation: "I couldn't talk to her, because she couldn't breathe."

Over the spring, Gothamist was in touch with two women held at the facility, who said they were denied basic medical care, and that their cells routinely flooded with sewage.

"Toilet waste and feces were all over the floors of all the cells, common area, and other departments on the floor and the female inmates were the ones who had to clean it all up without proper equipment," one detainee wrote in a message. The woman, whose name is being withheld at her request out of fear of

retaliation, described how her floormates got feces on "their hands, legs, faces, hair, all over" and said the "difficulty breathing due to the smell was and is indescribable."

Kellman said that it makes little difference to the Correctional Officers at MCC whether an inmate is a billionaire financier or not—everyone is regarded with disdain. "[The prisoners would] be lucky if they were treated like dirt under somebody else's shoe, but they're not even treated that well."

These conditions persist at MCC despite the fact that people held there have not yet been convicted of a crime, and thus are supposed to benefit from the presumption of innocence.

The following excerpt was taken from an article published in the Intercept, February 3, 2019, edition, written by Martin Gottesfeld, an inmate incarcerated in the 10 South Unit of MCC New York.

"AT THE TAIL end of the Obama administration, I was locked up a stone's throw away from Joaquín "El Chapo" Guzmán at the Federal Bureau of Prisons' infamous Metropolitan Correctional Center, New York, or MCC NY, in downtown Manhattan, where Guzmán is currently being held during his ongoing federal trial. I was there writing and waging a hunger strike when El Chapo first arrived. Much has been written about El Chapo's trial, but close to nothing about the conditions of his confinement, as the security around him has made access off limits to any journalist other than me.

I'm an imprisoned human rights activist and political journalist focusing on protecting institutionalized children from common tortures in America like these:

I'm currently suing the Bureau of Prisons and MCC NY for both state and federal civil rights violations, related to the conditions where El Chapo is held, and I'm exploring classaction certification. My lawsuit against MCC NY offers a new and rare glimpse into prison life in the solitary confinement cells that El Chapo has now called home for nearly two years. Besides simply recovering my fees and costs, however, my goals aren't

financial. Instead I'm asking the court to force MCC NY to respect human dignity, the First Amendment, federal regulations, and other human and civil rights."

In a letter written from MCC to officials at the Justice Department, the Federal Bureau of Prisons, and the Office of the Inspector General at the Justice Department, Mr. Gottesfeld calls attention to what he describes as appalling conditions inside the facility.

In his letter, he alleges there are severe threats to health, including rodent and insect infestations at the facility. "Roaches are found in the food, and I have personally observed insect eggs as well," Gottesfeld adds.

He describes how the heat is, for the most part, not functioning during the winter. A number of the cells are in the "50-degree range while others are much colder." Meanwhile, pools of water stand in the facility from leaks and are a "breeding ground for infections."

"The facility itself is trash, with cockroach-infested meal trays and frigid, leaky cells. One inmate resorted to drinking from his toilet when the water was shut off."

There's a lot of mystery surrounding the 10-South unit at MCC where El Chapo is being housed. Much of that is fueled by the effects of it being a "SAMs" or "special administrative measures" unit. As such, the inmates aren't supposed to come into any visual or other contact with other inmates.

Even magazines they receive in the mail must be prescreened by the FBI for the supposed reason of intercepting hidden messages. Outbound communications are similarly restricted and monitored in real time.

Amnesty International

Amnesty International previously condemned the use of MCC to "house pretrial detainees in solitary confinement for months or even years before they face trial." With regards to the Special Housing Unit at MCC, the human rights organization says "detainees have little access to natural light and no provision for outdoor exercise." Amnesty International characterized

"the combined effects of prolonged confinement to sparse cells with little natural light, no outdoor exercise and extreme social isolation amount[ing] to cruel, inhuman or degrading treatment."

United States Representative Nydia Velazquez - August 1, 2018 and August 14, 2019

August 1, 2018 - A federal lawmaker is demanding officials running a prison in lower Manhattan detail how long it takes for those in the lockup to get medical care.

U.S. Rep. Nydia Velazquez is demanding answers as allegations of abuse continue to surface at the Metropolitan Correctional Center some prisoner advocates have compared to a gulag. "When inmates are placed at the mercy of our government, we have a moral responsibility to ensure they are treated humanely, something which MCC has allegedly failed to do," Velazquez said in a statement. "I am asking for a full explanation and immediate steps to ensure the safety of prisoners housed there." On Wednesday, she sent a letter to the Federal Bureau of Prisons citing "alarming conditions" at the prison which houses highprofiled terrorists and drug lord Joaquin (El Chapo) Guzman. The missive demands the number of violent incidents as well as the time it typically takes for prisoners to receive medical care.

The allegations of abuse, including prisoners forced to wait two months to be seen by a doctor, were first reported in Gothamist. Prison advocates have long argued that the facility is more restrictive than the Guantanamo Bay detention camp.

August 14, 2019 - Rep. Nydia Velázquez on Wednesday joined the growing number of officials calling for a soup-to-nuts investigation into the apparent suicide of accused child sex trafficker Jeffrey Epstein in the federal Metropolitan Correctional Center in Manhattan.

Velázquez said she wrote a letter to the Justice Department's inspector general and the head of the FBI demanding answers not only about Epstein's death but about what she called other rampant abuses of detainees at the lockup.

"I write to voice concerns about the continued alleged culture of mismanagement and inadequate leadership at this facility," she said. She cited several other incidents at the MCC, in which corrections staff allegedly abused detainees.

Representative Velasquez posted the following on her Facebook Social Media account on August 14, 2019: "MCC is in our District, #NY7. I've been pressing for greater oversight of this institution for many years now!"

"Not only does Epstein's suicide raise questions about how his custody was handled, but it harkens back to a litany of previous problems we've seen at this facility," Velazquez told The News.

"I'm glad DOJ and FBI are looking into this most recent episode and all of us, including his victims, need to know how Epstein died," she added. "Still, I think what's also needed is a comprehensive review of the culture and management problems at MCC."

Conclusion/Opinions/Observations

MCC New York, like many other Federal Prisons nationwide is overpopulated and understaffed. It is reported the MCC was built to accommodate 474 inmates. On the day of Mr. Epstein's suicide, the prison's inmate population count was 763, almost twice the number it was designed to house.

Much talk and attention has been on the staffing shortages. Mainly, as a result of the 2017 Trump Administration Hiring Freeze, the Bureau of Prisons lost 7,300 employees.

MCC New York was recently described by Attorney General William Barr as an institution with "deeply concerning irregularities." AG Barr expressed outrage and says he was "appalled and angry" to learn of MCC's "failure to adequately secure this prisoner." Other sources familiar with current conditions at MCC described it as "deplorable," and "bordering on inhumane treatment."

I personally maintain contact with several individuals who are currently employed with the Bureau of Prisons as well as MCC New York. Three current MCC Staff Members very recently described to me the current sanitation conditions at the facility. One stated, "The facility is so disgusting it's like a prison in a third-world country. Cleaning supplies are not issued on a regular basis." The individual further advised, "Pest Control is horrible and ineffective, rats, mice and bugs are everywhere." Another Correctional Officer told me, "There are mice and bugs everywhere including inmates' cells." This information is consistent with my Court testimony on July 3, 2019, and my assessment in Paragraph 20 of my Declaration in the case of Mr. Motiwala. Further, it corroborates the many news reports, regarding the "rodent-infested MCC."

On a different, yet equally concerning topic, an MCC Correctional Officer advised me this past week, that there is blatant racial discord within the institution, especially amongst Correctional Officers. I did not witness this when I was Warden at MCC, and my contact advises it began a short time following my departure.

It is my belief that the excerpts I've cited in this report and statements from various sources of the MCC are credible and honest. The Staff have nothing to gain by sharing this information with me other than to express their dissatisfaction and frustration with current practices and conditions at MCC.

In my July 3, 2019, testimony in the London Court for the extradition case of Sadiq Motiwala, I expressed concerns with MCC New York in regards to staff shortages, staff from other departments being "augmented" to fill in for correctional officer vacancies on a regular basis, conditions of confinement at MCC and various other matters related to the institution. I stated in my testimony and also in my Declaration that MCC New York or any other federal prison could not prevent anyone who is persistent from taking their own life. At best, they could only delay an inmate from committing suicide by placing his on a suicide watch. A suicide watch does not continue indefinitely. As previously stated in this report, a usual amount of days for a suicide watch would be two to four days, depending on circumstances. Once the suicide watch ends, that also ends the 24 hours of continuous inmate observation.

If Mr. Motiwala is extradited to the United States and housed at MCC or MDC, I am confident his mental health needs, given his propensity to commit self harm, will not be adequately addressed. I am more convinced of this now, following the Epstein suicide, numerous documents and recent information revealed, than I was during my testimony to the Court in July 2019. It appears the current conditions within the prison are extremely dire and certainly far worse than when I was assigned at MCC as Warden.

Numerous individuals have come forward in the last few weeks, including some former Bureau of Prisons' Wardens. They fervently state some serious missteps occurred at the MCC surrounding the death of Mr. Epstein. These individuals have been quick to point fingers and assign blame to top executives, psychology staff and correctional officers. Many are quick to say that Mr. Epstein should not have been removed from Suicide Watch or if he were removed, extra precautions/safeguards should have been in place. Some sources view the actions of staff who were assigned to Epstein's Housing Unit, as a blatant indifference to the care and welfare of inmates. Others, including Union Officials, are suggesting the Officers' disregard of conducting the required 30-minute cell checks were justified because of the long hours staff are forced to work, as a result of the institution being so understaffed.

While all of the investigations continue, it is premature to conclude exactly what did occur leading up to the death of Mr. Epstein. What we do know is that several policies were not followed or were simply ignored, several departments within MCC were involved and shortcuts were taken. MCC New York is heavily in the spotlight and under a microscope these past two weeks and likely for the next several weeks. It is my opinion that this only received such widespread attention because of the notoriety of Epstein. Had this been another inmate, less known, who was not a public figure, they likely would not have received media attention.

Once the investigations are concluded, it is probable that several recommendations will be provided. In order to correct problems that exist, one must look at the root of the cause and be willing to fix that also. Only time will tell if any future additional measures put in place will be adequate. If what is being reported by countless sources, is in fact what actually occurred, and staff completely ignored their responsibilities,

no recommendations and no additional measures would have changed the unfortunate outcome of what occurred on August 10, 2019, at the Metropolitan Correctional Center, New York.

The current problems at the MCC cannot, in my opinion, be cured by any quick fix solution. Even with the current spotlight on MCC, and assuming the Bureau of Prisons will put forth their best efforts to eradicate the broken parts, one still must account for human error and agency needs. Staff will continue to work overtime, staff will continue to take shortcuts, staff will continue to be tired on the job and fall asleep. No amount of effort on anyone's part can change that and one can only hope that when these things occur, nothing bad happens. It would take many years to resolve the issues and problems that plague MCC, provided there is a real desire to make changes. This will not give any comfort to Mr Motiwala or the U.K Courts as to whether he or his mental health needs will be adequately managed if extradited to the United States.

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From

To Bruce Barket

Date 2019/07/26 16:03

Subject: Re: Thank you

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Hi Bruce,

I was on my way out the door, but notified medical and psych staff of the below. I also asked that he be ready tomorrow morning for your visit.

Thank you,

>>> Bruce Barket < > 7/26/2019 3:56 PM >>>
Nick's parents just left him and described him as nearly incoherent.

Said he is as bad as he has ever been.

I want to see him tomorrow at 8:00 but I am hoping someone can check on him tonight

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To: Bruce Barket
Cc: [REDACTED]; [REDACTED]
Subject: Re: Fwd: Jeffrey Epstein/Nicholas Tartaglione

Good morning Bruce,

Please be advised that this matter is currently the subject of an open investigation, and, thus, I am limited in what I can discuss at this time. I have not shared any information with the press or the public, and I am not aware of any other MCC staff doing so either. As this is an open investigation, no information can be shared with outside parties until the investigation is complete. Once the investigation is concluded, I will be able to provide you more information. I have reminded MCC administrators to caution staff that they are not to retaliate against your client or any inmate. Please let me know if you have any further questions or concerns.

Thank you,
[REDACTED]

>>> Bruce Barket <[REDACTED]> 7/24/2019 11:30 PM >>>

This comes on the heels of our complaints to the Court. It seems someone in your facility has leaked false information about Nick.

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Subject: Jeffrey Epstein/Nicholas Tartaglione

Hello,

Trying to confirm this NBC story that says your client was questioned about a possible attack on Jeffrey Epstein at the MCC. I'm at 646-354-3792. Can you call?

Tracy Connor

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I'm at my desk if you would like me to be on the call.

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Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 9:43 PM
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Subject: RE: CORRECTED: Subpoena and Request for Emails
Sent: Fri, 12 Jul 2019 11:59:39 +0000

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Sent: Thursday, July 11, 2019 9:43 PM

To: [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>; [REDACTED] <[REDACTED]>

Cc: [REDACTED] (USANYS) <AMoe@usa.doj.gov>; [REDACTED] (USANYS) <ARossmiller@usa.doj.gov>; [REDACTED], Eric (USANYS) <[REDACTED]>

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RE: Thank you

From Bruce Barket
To [REDACTED]
Date 2019/07/26 16:03
Subject: RE: Thank you
Attachments: TEXT.htm, Mime.822

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From [REDACTED]
To [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Date 2019/08/23 10:17
Subject: Fwd: Epstein #76318-054 Medical/Mental Health Records
Attachments: TEXT.htm, Epstein #76318-054 Medical/Mental Health Records

Hi [REDACTED] - in anticipation of the attached, can you please get me a copy of Epstein's medical and psych records? He first came to MCC on July 6, 2019.

Thank you!

[REDACTED]

[REDACTED]

Staff Attorney
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p: [REDACTED]
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Epstein #76318-054 Medical/Mental Health Records

From [REDACTED]
To [REDACTED], [REDACTED]
Date 2019/08/23 09:15
Subject: Epstein #76318-054 Medical/Mental Health Records
Attachments: TEXT.htm, Certification of Identify Form.pdf

Good morning Michael,

I spoke with folks here and confirmed we can proceed under our usual procedure for releasing medical/psych records to defense counsel. Accordingly, please send me a cover letter confirming you're defense counsel of record, the attached certification of identity, and a Rule 17 subpoena (no need to be so-ordered; a clerk's subpoena is fine). Normally we would require a HIPAA release as well, but privacy rights don't survive death in this context. Once I receive the certification, letter, and subpoena,, I will have the USAO's Civil Division authorize the records release as wall counsel pursuant to *United States ex rel. Touhy v. Regan*, 340 U.S. 462 (1951) and the associated regulations.

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[REDACTED]

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f: [REDACTED]

Fwd: Epstein, Reg. No. 76318-054

From Lamine N'Diaye

To [REDACTED]

Date 2019/08/10 18:46

Subject: Fwd: Epstein, Reg. No. 76318-054

Attachments: TEXT.htm, Epstein, Reg. No. 76318-054

Psych Ops log book shows he was released on July 30. He had an Attorney visit starting at 8:20am. He was in there all day. I will send the attorney log next.

Epstein, Reg. No. 76318-054

From [REDACTED]
To Lamine N'Diaye
Date 2019/08/10 18:14
Subject: Epstein, Reg. No. 76318-054
Attachments: TEXT.htm, 2019_08_10_18_12_55.pdf, [REDACTED]

Psych Ops discontinued on 7/30/18 at 8:15 am

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