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hear!)

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Black man don't
Get no remorse
When he gets
Shot down
But when the
Boys in Blue
Get touched
They expect us
To frown
I'll save my
Remorse
For every mother
That had to
Bury her child
To these crooked
Ass cops
And this
Fucked up system
They call a
Government
I think I
Speak for a lot
Of mufucka's
When I scream

Out
Fuck THEM!
What do they
Do for us
And our community
???
Yea that's right
NOTHING!
Theyre a lot that
Agree with me
Black, hispanic and
White
Y'all don't give
A damn about
Us
But you expect
Us
To care about
Yall lives
Did you consider
Remorse
When you opened
Fire
On an unarmed
Man
Now one of

Yours
Is in the
Hospital
With a bullet
In his face
But unlike
That black man
Yall make sure
To damn
His accuser in
Every way
Now listen clearly
When I say
I could give
Two fucks
About a pig
Yall fucking
The black commu-
nity
So I say
Fuck him
Respect me and
I'll respect you
Thats as real
As it gets

This is how I feel towards yall shady ass police officers and government in general I could care less about an officer getting shot down in the line of duty, karma has always been a bitch I show no remorse for you sorry mufucka's cause you didn't have any for the innocent BLACK & HISPANIC lives you continue to take in the streets, In other words Fuck DA POLICE!

- Ghost

feedback

inside & outside, voices from the jail struggle
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Another Death in the Durham Jail! Jean Carolyn McGirt, Rest in Power



“Woman found dead at Durham County jail loved dogs, ‘kept an eye on everybody’”

(reprint of an article in The News & Observer

by Mark Schultz and Virginia Bridges, August 26, 2018)

A woman found unresponsive at the Durham County jail Saturday died in the jail's medical unit a little over 24 hours after entering the detention center, a spokeswoman said Monday.

“There is no indication of suicide at this point,” said AnneMarie Breen, a spokeswoman for the Durham County Sheriff's Office. The jail does a health screen-

ing when people enter the jail, but the information is considered confidential under patient privacy rules, Breen said.

All people in the jail's medical unit are under observation, and detention officers perform security checks on all inmates twice per hour, she said.

The woman, Jean Carolyn McGirt, entered the jail under \$30,000 secured bail at 3:10 p.m. Friday after being charged with possession with intent to manufacture, sell and deliver heroin and other offenses. The Sheriff's Office said she was 56; the state Department of Correction lists her age as 57.

At about 4 p.m. Saturday, the Sheriff's Office said, McGirt was found unresponsive and jail staff, medical personnel and paramedics could not revive her. Her body was taken to the State Medical Examiner's Office to determine the cause of death.

Under standard protocol, the Durham County Sheriff's Office is conducting a death investigation and has notified the State Bureau of Investigation.

The findings of that investigation will be submitted to the N.C. Department of Health and Human Services.

Cared for neighbors

On Monday, a friend said McGirt, who went by Carolyn, was always on her front porch looking out for her neighbors and their dogs.

Lori Hensley, the director of operations for Beyond Fences, which works to provide housing and care for dogs when their owners cannot, said she saw McGirt about once a week when she was in the Wabash Street neighborhood

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near the McDougald Terrace public housing community.

“Carolyn is very people oriented,” Hensley said. “She always could tell me who needed to see me because their dog was sick or because they had gotten evicted.”

Hensley estimated she helped between 20 and 30 dogs over the past five years because of McGirt.

McGirt, who had a pitt bull mix named Gucci, also let people and their dogs stay with her when they got evicted, Hensley said.

“She just kept an eye on everybody,” she said.

8 deaths in 5 years

...McGirt’s death was the eighth at the jail since 2013.

As The Herald-Sun reported in May, jail deaths were an issue in the recent Democratic primary for sheriff, which incumbent Mike Andrews lost to challenger Clarence Birkhead.

The others who died in custody during the last five years were:

- Dashawn Devonte Evans
- James Earl Staton Jr.
- Terry Lee
- Dennis Edward McMurray
- Raphael Marquis Bennett
- Matthew Lamont McCain
- Uniece “Niecey” Fennell

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What is Feedback?

Feedback is a publication of Inside-Outside Alliance (IOA), a group of people trying to support the struggles of those inside (or formerly inside) the Durham jail, and their families and friends. We recognize that any of us can be outside one day, inside the next – the revolving door of incarceration. We also participate in struggles against police harassment and brutality. IOA maintains a website called Amplify Voices Inside (amplifyvoices.com) that publishes the words of Durham jail inmates and former inmates talking about conditions inside and outside and how they see the world.

The name Amplify Voices Inside comes from something a brave and rebellious inmate wrote in the fall of 2012. This publication, Feedback, is a sampling of recent contents of the website. When something amplified is redirected at the source of the sound, the effect is called feedback. That is what this is: the voices that have been amplified to the outside world being re-broadcast inside the walls of the jail. Feedback is also distributed on the outside and sometimes includes ‘outside’ voices. Unless a person requests use of their real name, then writers’ initials have been changed to protect identities and minimize repressive attacks and harassment.

To contribute words or art, write to: IOA, PO Box 1353, Durham, NC 27701.

You may be able to reach us by phone at 919.666.7854

Or, if you are not in jail and are able to, send an email: insideoutsidealliance@gmail.com

*** Se habla español. ***

Genocide

Pow! Pow! Pow!
 There goes another
 Act of violence
 A black man
 Murdered in cold
 Blood
 Not because of
 Drugs
 Not because of
 Gangbanging
 But by the
 Hand of an
 Officer of the
 Law
 I thought they
 Were sworn
 To protect us
 Im starting to
 See a couple
 Of flaws
 How are we
 Suppose to trust
 In the police?
 When there’s a
 Ninety percent chance
 They’ll shoot me

Dead
 In the streets
 Because the color
 Of my skin
 Without
 Getting the chance
 To know me
 For the person
 I really am
 A man might
 Rock tim’s
 Levi’s and a
 Hoodie
 I might be
 From the hood
 That don’t mean
 I’m always
 Up to something
 I want to
 Know
 What you see
 When you look
 At me
 And my counterparts
 Why do we
 Have to be
 Gunned down
 Why do we

Have to die
 You say
 This is a
 Free country
 Why is there
 No remorse
 For our lives
 But something hap-
 pen’s
 To yours
 You expect us
 To break down
 And cry
 Why cant we
 Be treated equal
 As one nation
 Under God
 No mother should
 Have to bury
 Her child
 Because of the
 Hatred of their
 Skin color
 And social back-
 ground
 -Ghost





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ther because our father's are locked up, dead, or just dont give a fuck. So we're forced to live in low income communities looking at our mother figures struggle to make ends meet. So we turn to local gangs because the older members is as close to a father some of us get. That leads to slanging drugs and shooting guns. Again no its not right in any way to take another person's life. My point is that you dont see Bloods & Crips or any other street gangs just gunning down random people then making some dumb ass excuse like we thought he had a gun knowing damn well you can tell the difference between a gun and a phone. We keep the problems we have amongst ourselves. In other words street justice. We're not just shooting everybody its logical reasons behind most crime we commit. Y'all might not see it that way but you'll never understand because it was the hand we were dealt. And for the record we're not the one's shooting up schools cause we were upset and getting a slap on the wrist. But everything is wrong in America when it has something to do with the black man.

-Ghost

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In response to state concerns about jail procedures related to three of the deaths, the jail added protocols to ensure regular inmate checks and to require that any information suggesting inmates are threats to themselves be brought to the attention of supervisors and mental health staff.

Supervision issues

Last year, The News & Observer published a five-part series, Jailed to Death, that investigated inmate deaths in N.C. county jails.

About half of the 151 people who died in the past five years struggled with mental illness, substance abuse or both, state records showed. The series found roughly a third of the deaths involved supervision issues such as failing to check inmates as required, broken cameras or intercoms, or leaving items in cells that inmates could use to kill themselves.

Gunning At the Press

You say youre
 An eyewitness
 Tell me what
 You seen
 Because youre throwing
 Dirt on my
 Name
 Like you personally
 Know me
 What gives you
 The right to
 Run
 A man's name
 Down on national
 TV
 Throwing around his
 Dirty laundry
 In front of thousands
 Of people
 Painting a picture
 For the viewers
 Causing them to
 Look down a
 One way street
 All I ask
 Is you get



drawing by Elena K.

You facts straight
 Before you speak
 On me
 Or anybody that
 Grew up in
 The streets
 Y'all stereotype us
 Like we live
 Just to slang
 Drugs
 And shoot shit
 Up
 Statistics has proven
 We'll never get
 The respect and
 Opportunity
 We deserve
 In this country
 So fuck y'all and
 The sof ass
 United States govern-
 ment

- Ghost

“Tale without End.”

Only a lazy person doesn't complain about the bad medical service in Durham's jail. Better let me tell you the tale.

Once upon a time in the town of Chapel Hill lived a girl called Vivi or Vivien (not her real name). Like in a fairy tale, the girl was beautiful and kind. She was a hard worker and a stronger believer. She grew up and had her own family.

But one day Vivi happened to get into big trouble and she was put in jail. Needless to say, everything was bad in there. But Vivi, being an optimist, wasn't upset - even there. She comforted her friends in jail. She taught the bible. She even created miracles on our heads : she shaved, cut, and rolled our hair and turned us into brides - outside, she was a certified hairdresser. In general, she tried to live this difficult period of her life normally.

Unfortunately, in jail Vivi found more trouble: she got sick. And for the first time since I got here, I saw her cry. The pain in her stomach was so strong that Vivi couldn't bear it and she almost screamed.

The CO came scared and invited her sergent to comfort Vivi. “It's going to be Ok, you just ate too much” were her words.

Because the pain didn't get weaker, our girl went to medical. it was in the evening, and certainly she was not able to see the doctor. The nurse didn't help Vivi (oh, but she gave her tylenol!) and the medical service still took from poor Vivi \$20 from her account.

Optimistic Vivi decided that she needed to sleep well and that the pain would disappear by itself. The poor girl was mistaken. The pain didn't pass and didn't get weaker. Vivie continued to suffer.

I witnessed this - it's hard to hide something in jail. She doesn't remember how many times she went to Medical, but they took more than \$40 from her account in total. For what?! Yes for f_____ing tylenol!

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SURVEY and PETITIONS ABOUT MEDICAL NEGLECT

Have you experienced medical neglect, medical inattention, or any kind of problems with medical care in the jail?

We want to know about inmates' experiences of medical neglect in the jail. If you have any such experiences, please write to us and tell us about your experiences (or what you have witnessed of other people's experiences). We are inspired here because there are inmates making petitions around these issues in some pods. Please consider making a petition for your own pod, gathering signatures, and sending it to us. We would then help publicize the petitions, to create pressure for change.

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Time passed. Vivi lost her appetite and a lot of weight. She looked terribly tired. Often, she stayed in her cell for the whole day and spent time in bed, lying in a fetal position. Because unhappy Vivi also had chronic diabetes, she started to have problems with her blood sugar level.

She made one more attempt to see a doctor. After visiting medical this time, she was almost happy. “What's going on?” I asked her. “The doctor is trying to figure out if I have stones in my bladder!” she replied. They eventually gave her an ultrasound. No stones! But perhaps she had pancreatitis, the pain was extremely strong, like this disease. It's scary to think it could also be appendicitis, which can't be treated without surgery... I could continue, it could be a perforated ulcer, or even worse, and I don't want to mentioned that....

Vivi lost 20 pounds and it's a very threatening sign. Logical questions arise - our girl had an ultrasound on only ONE of her organs - the bladder - but not her whole abdominal area, as you're supposed to. Why did they do such a limited test procedure? Vivi still doesn't know what her diagnosis is. Because of her diabetic condition, the doctors prohibited Vivi from eating any starch, including potatoes, which is almost the main food in here. Having lost faith in the jail's medical service, Vivi stopped asking them about her unbearable pain. She continued to live and function despite it.

One day is better, another worse. She is still here, but hopes to get out soon. Meanwhile, she attends new classes.

But this tale is not finished. Because Vivi has still not recovered! Her complexion is sallow and she gets tired very fast. She sleeps a lot and most importantly still doesn't know what's going on with her body.

And I continue to worry about her. Because I love her and appreciate her personality. Because she has 3 kids at home, waiting for her. Girlfriend, parents, church...and because she came into this jail healthy, and now is in pain.

F. L.

Feedback

I was asked why everybody gets mad when a cop kills a black man, but theres no complaining about all the black on black crimes.

Personally my opinion on the subject is one the police are the very one's the community calls on when theyre in need of help so it looks bad to see the ones who is sworn to protect and serve just gunning down young black men yea the first few mightve been an ironic mistake, now they're just shooting like targets at a shooting range. No black on black crime is not ok I agree with that.

But ask yourselves this question where does a black man stand in America's economy? The mass amount of us are born to single mothers ei-

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