Starved For care

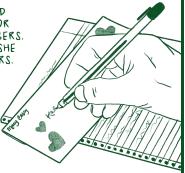
MARY FAITH CASEY LOVED HER TWO KIDS, CARLIN AND KARINA, "WITH THE HEART OF A LION."

WHEN THEY WERE SMALL, SHE SEWED THEIR HALLOWEEN COSTUMES...



SHE BLASTED MADONNA AND BURNED ESSENTIAL OILS "FOR THE VIBES," CARLIN REMEMBERS. WHEN HER KIDS GREW UP, SHE WROTE THEM DOTING LETTERS.

MARY ALSO STRUGGLED WITH HER MENTAL HEALTH AND WAS SOMETIMES UNHOUSED. IN 2022, SHE WAS JAILED IN PIMA COUNTY, AZ, ON CHARGES TIED TO HER HOMELESSNESS.



IN JAIL, MARY DIDN'T RECEIVE THE PSYCHIATRIC MEDS SHE NEEDED, ACCORDING TO HER FAMILY.

SHE GREW PARANOID, STOPPED EATING AND LOST SOME 55 POUNDS IN 110 DAYS.

A JUDGE RELEASED HER TO A HOSPITAL; UNABLE TO RECOVER, SHE WAS SENT TO HOSPICE.

SHE DIED OF STARVATION

IN JAILS ACROSS THE U.S., FOR-PROFIT COMPANIES ARE PAID MILLIONS TO PROVIDE HEALTHCARE TO PEOPLE LIKE MARY.



ATTORNEY
ED BUDGE
SAID NAPHCARE,
THE COMPANY
RESPONSIBLE FOR MARY'S
MEDICAL CARE, WAS "GETTING
NEARLY \$18 MILLION A YEAR"

FROM PIMA COUNTY.

DAMARIS RODRIGUEZ, 43



JAMYCHEAL MITCHELL, 24



LASHAWN THOMPSON, 35



MANY OTHERS HAVE DIED OF PREVENTABLE CAUSES IN NAPHCARE'S HANDS, TOO.

THATS JUST ONE COMPANY IN A SYSTEM THAT, FAMILIES ALLEGE, ENABLES THE MASS NEGLECT AND SUFFERING OF PEOPLE WITH MENTAL HEALTH

ISSUES.



PEOPLE DIED OF STARVATION,
DEHYDRATION OR NEGLECT THAT OCCURRED IN
LOCAL JAILS. MOST OF THEM HAD RECOGNIZED MENTAL
HEALTH NEEDS. THESE ARE SOME OF THEIR FACES.

STARVATION AND DEHYDRATION CASES ACCOUNT FOR ONLY A SMALL PORTION OF PREVENTABLE DEATHS IN U.S. JAILS. MANY DEATHS GO UNREPORTED OR ARE ACTIVELY COVERED UP. NATIONAL JAIL—DEATH DATA IS NOT AVAILABLE TO THE PUBLIC.



PARENTS AND
FAMILIES AROUND
THE COUNTRY
HAVE BEEN
PUSHING FOR
ACCOUNTABILITY
AND CHANGE.

MANY HAVE FILED WRONGFUL DEATH SUITS ...

OTHERS HAVE TAKEN TO THE STREETS TO CALL FOR JUSTICE AND REFORM,



ONLY TO HAVE POLICE DOGS SICCED ON THEM.



I WANT JUSTICE TO BE FLUORESCENT... AND I WANT POLICY CHANGE.

- RODNEY PRICE

WHOSE BROTHER, LARRY, STARVED TO DEATH IN AN ARKANSAS JAIL AFTER MONTHS OF SOLITARY CONFINEMENT



SUBMIT A TIP

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