

Corporation Counsel
Kenosha County Courthouse
912-56 W Street
Kenosha, WI 53140

TIME SENSITIVE

3/2/21 (Sun)

Re: NOTICE OF CLAIM/INJURY - MENTEK VS. KENOSHA COUNTY JAIL
Re: Exposure to and contracted COVID-19 in jail

Dear Corporation Counsel:

On October 29, 2020, I was arrested and booked into the Kenosha County Jail, at which point it was tested for COVID-19, and automatically "QUARANTINED" for (0) days, as was jail policy. My test came back NEGATIVE.

Over the next 4½ months, I exhibited NO SIGNS OR SYMPTOMS of COVID-19, as I did not have it. However, on February 17, 2021, jail staff placed me into an INFECTED HOLDING CELL down in "booking", where I was exposed to and contracted COVID-19! On February 19, 2021, I was placed into MENTAL QUARANTINE/ISOLATION and on February 24, my test came back POSITIVE. (See Ex. 1A Attached.)

I suffered MISERABLY over the next 17 days, from Feb. 19th thru March 7th, with body aches, cough, loss of taste/smell, sick stomach, difficulty breathing, inner ear pain, fever, etc., all due to GROSS NEGLIGENCE, DELIBERATE INDIFFERENCE, and CRUEL and UNUSUAL PUNISHMENTS inflicted upon my person by JAIL STAFF who directly CAUSED PHYSICAL INJURY UPON MY PERSON, as well as CIVIL AND CONSTITUTIONAL INJURY of my RIGHTS, which remain UNCOMPENSATED to the present time and date.

As a result, I am willing to "SETTLE" this claim, outside of litigation, with FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY for the sum of \$1,500⁰⁰ (One Thousand Five Hundred Dollars), provided YOU CONTACT ME DIRECTLY, by way of letter, within the next (14) days. Failure to respond or reply will be construed as a "disallowance of claim" wherein SUMMONS AND COMPLAINTS will be filed resulting in WAIVER of RIGHT TO SETTLE, and increased damages and costs, to your detriment.

Accordingly, I contacted your office on or about 1/31/21 regarding ADMITS DUE PROCESS VIOLATIONS by the TAC (See EXHIBIT 3A attached), which MY CLAIM has gone both "UNANSWERED" and IGNORED by your office. Notwithstanding, I believe BOTH of my CLAIMS, DUE PROCESS and COVID-19 can be "SETTLED", together, for the sum of \$2,000⁰⁰ (Two Thousand Dollars), outside of LITIGATION. This is my FINAL and ONLY OFFER to SETTLE BOTH CLAIMS, outside of litigation, provided your office respond within (14) days of this letter as to SETTLEMENT OF BOTH CLAIMS, with FULL RELEASE OF LIABILITY for the sum of \$2,000⁰⁰ (Two Thousand Dollars). Otherwise, I want YOUR PERTINENT RESPONSE.

Respectfully Submitted,

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