

Judge to Fine California Each Day It Fails to Complete Prisoner Suicide Prevention Measures

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A federal judge [said this week](#) that she will begin fining California potentially tens of thousands of dollars daily after more than 200 prison inmates killed themselves during eight years in which state corrections officials failed to complete court-ordered suicide prevention measures.

The Mercury News

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Addressing a chronic tragedy that has plagued the state for decades, Chief U.S. District Judge Kimberly Mueller said she will start the fines April 1 — \$1,000 a day for each of 15 unmet safeguards until all the state's 34 adult prisons are in full compliance.

At the same time, she will impose fines for the state's failure to hire enough mental health professionals. And she set a hearing for August to collect more than \$1.7 million in fines that have accumulated since 2017 under a previous order punishing delays in transferring inmates to state mental hospitals.

An inmate at the state prison in Tehachapi was found hanging from a ventilation grate by a sheet in his cell on Jan. 5, 2020. He had a years-long history of cutting his wrists and other self-destructive behavior, including repeatedly in the two days before his death.

FW: Prison Suicide Prevention



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Good Afternoon,

Under the Code of Conduct for U.S. Judges, Chief Judge Mueller must uphold the independence of the judiciary. It would be improper for the judge to consider your *ex parte* communication/email below.

To ensure the court remains fair and impartial, communications with the court and requests for court action must be made by counsel of record and filed on the case docket. Counsel of record are authorized filers. You can obtain counsel of record contact information from the docket.

If you have additional questions, please contact the Clerk's Office, 916.930.4000.



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Hi Ms. Patti Andrews

I would like to have a chance to help Honorable Judge Mueller in her task for the prison suicide prevention. I have evidence that **“CDCR Bureaucracy is the cause of 31% of the prison suicide cases”**.

The CDCR 2021 annual report on suicide shows 31% of suicide by hanging is from the Air Vent.

On 2014 CDCR rejected installing **patented suicide deterrent air vent** with the statement” CDCR already has a court approved grill system, any change to the approved grill may open us to litigation.”

In the same evaluation of the suicide deterrent air vent, they stated **“CDCR- DESS believes this device is nearly impossible to thread a ligature into it”** – attached their memo even they ignored the proposed cleaning system presented or even looking for solutions.

FYI- Canadian prisons installed the “Pyracell” suicide deterrent air vent.

It is very common to me to witness the CDCR contradiction between statements and actions, and I witnessed many such cases during my 20 years of CDCR service as the Supervising Mechanical Engineer in charge of all 33 California institution’s engineering including court cases and statements to cover inadequate and poor performance.

I would like to meet You and present how many letters I sent to our politicians, how many lives we could have saved in addition to millions of dollars paid to families.

My drive to find a solution for the Air vent suicide was the annual suicide records (2005 sample attached) identifying the method of suicide showed high percentage hanging from the air vent which fall in my engineering area of responsibility. The suicide deterrent air vent “PYRACELL” has a USA patent in 2009.

I understand that many USA prisons have the same issue; however, I could not get the air vent suicide records from USDOJ - their response was “we do not have the level of details you mentioned.”

I would like to have a chance to talk or meet you and if possible, the Honorable Judge Mueller to present more details and documentation.

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Attachment

- CDCR response 2014
- Suicide record by method 2005
- Tuttle & Baily catalog
- USA Patent Certificate