

Statement regarding Legislation being introduced by Rep BJ Nikkle
March 19, 2009

John Malloy, former CSO III (formal supervisor) at Platte Valley Youth Services Center (PVYSC), separated from duty Feb. 3rd, 2009, 7 days after the AP Press report was issued by Steve Paulson on January 27, 2009. In that report, I was identified as making the statement to an investigator that I "believed children were in danger of being hurt by staff." That I stated, "staff used improper hand holds and handcuff techniques," and that I also stated that, "I don't think that the kids are safe at the facility".

All statements made by me are from my experiences and viewpoint of my employment with the State of Colorado, Division of Youth Corrections, Platte Valley Youth Services Center (PVYSC).

In April 2008, after reporting to my supervisor my concerns and the concerns of subordinates regarding acts of abuse, I met with KDVR Fox 31 news reporter Julie Hayden. Ms. Hayden interviewed several other current and former employees and myself. The interview was aired on April 28, 2008 regarding Abuse of Residents and other violations at PVYSC.

I was employed by the Division of Youth Corrections for over 20 years. I was employed at Gilliam YSC for 2 years (during the summer of violence), Grand Mesa YSC for 3.5 years, Mt. View YSC for 3.5 years and PVYSC for the last 11 years.

The proposed legislation being introduced by Rep. BJ Nikkle will improve the process of investigating and ensuring that residents have the opportunity to make Allegations of Abuse without interference from the staff members that are abusing them. That the allegations of abuse are not being covered up during the investigations and that the Incident Reports that are written are not altered in anyway and reflect accurate information. That all allegations that result in Abuse investigations are investigated by a neutral Third Party and not by individuals that have a vested interest in the outcome of the investigation.

This legislation will make acts of Physical and Sexual Abuse of Residents and the failure to report Abuse of Residents a Criminal Act. Providing a confidential **Hotline** for residents to report Abuse would ensure that staff are not retaliating against residents who report them for abuse, giving the resident a feeling of anonymity and safety. I would also like to add that a confidential **Hotline** for staff would also benefit DYC and ensure those staff who are abusing residents do not retaliate against staff that are reporting abuse. No DYC staff member should be concerned of this legislation, unless they are physically or sexually abusing a resident of Division of Youth Corrections.

On March 5th, 2009 I received a letter from a former PVYSC resident that supported the allegations of Physical Abuse reported to PVYSC Administration and aired on KDVR Fox 31 on April 28th, 2008. The former PVYSC resident describes in detail how several PVYSC staff physically abused him by restraining him in his room and then beating on him while he was on the floor. How he was allowed to meet with female residents in the gym bathroom to engage in sexual behavior with female residents while 3 staff members were monitoring the gym. How the former PVYSC resident was allowed to fight with other residents he was having issues with, with the approval of 2 formal supervisors on the unit and receiving no consequences for his actions. The former resident also noted several inappropriate sexual conversations he had with one PVYSC staff member, where the staff member bragged about his sexual conquests.

Another former PVYSC female resident has made allegations that a PVYSC formal supervisor would make inappropriate sexual comments towards her while she was at PVYSC. Once the female resident was released and placed on Parole, this formal supervisor would call the former female resident and attempt to convince the female resident to come to PVYSC at night for a sexual encounter. This former PVYSC female resident violated her Parole and is afraid to turn herself in for fear of being returned to PVYSC and this formal supervisor continuing his sexual advances toward her.

Many other allegations of Sexual and Physical Abuse have been "investigated" and where not "substantiated". Who completed these investigations and what involvement did PVYSC, NYC, DHS and the State of Colorado have in the final outcome?

Because of the amount of Abuse to both residents and staff, a large number of staff have resigned or transferred to other facilities. Two former staff members, who resigned to return to school, described PVYSC as more stressful than they're 2 tours of duty in Iraq.

This process would be cost effective. The investigation of Abuse by Police Departments would eliminate the need for Social Services to investigate and would determine the possibility or outcome of allegations of Abuse quickly. Allegations of Abuse **Hotline** could be assigned to County Department of Social Services who could research the allegations and if the allegations are supported County Department of Social Services could forward their information to County Police Departments for further investigations and filing of charges.

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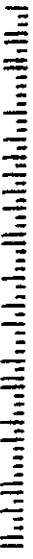
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Hey SWEETIE HOPE THIS LETTER FINDS YOU DOING WELL,
^o SORRY ^o IM ^o THE PHONE CUT US OFF. THIS SYSTEM THEY GOT HERE FUCKIN SUCKS.
ANYWAYZ I DO OR DID HAVE ALOT TO TELL YOU BUT IT WAS JUST GOOD
TO HEAR YOUR VOICE I REALLY FELT GOOD TO TALK TO SOMEONE I HAVE FEELINGS
FOR. IT IS VERY LONELY AND DARK AND EVIL IN THIS PLACE. THE MOST
DANGEROUS AND SICK OF ANIMALS ARE IN HERE THIS IS WHERE THEY
HOUSE KILLERS SERIAL RAPISTS AND DEATH ROW. I HAVE HEAD PHONES SO
I CAN GET LOST SOMETIMES BUT YOU CANT TOTALLY BLOCK IT
OUT. I CANT WAIT TO GET OUT SO I CAN RELEASE EVERYTHING THATS
BUILT UP INSIDE ME FOR SO MANY YEARS. I WAS WONDERING IF ME AND YOU
COULD GO SOMEWHERE QUIET FOR ABOUT 6 HOURS JUST ME AND YOU
AND I CAN TALK TO YOU ABOUT WHAT EVER. SO I CAN GET EVERYTHING
OFF MY CHEST. I FEEL YOUR THE BEST ONE FOR THE JOB BECAUSE THAT
IS YOUR JOB AND I DONT TRUST ANY OF MY BLOOD FAMILY.
MAYBE MY MOM BUT SHE'S 1800 MILES AWAY YOUR GONNA
BE A REALLY GOOD SUPPORT SYSTEM FOR ME IF YOU ARE ABLE
TO BE OR WANT TO BE. YOU ARE THE ONLY PERSON I HAVE
EMOTIONALLY, I JUST WANT YOU TO UNDERSTAND I WILL NEVER ASK YOU
FOR MONEY AND NO DISRESPECT BUT I WILL NOT ~~accept~~ accept
MONEY FROM ANY FAMILY, CLOTHES AND A PLACE TO STAY
TILL I GET ON MY FEET ARE THE ONLY THINGS BECAUSE THAT
IS A NACESITY BUT I WANT YOU TO KNOW I WILL NEVER USE
YOU OR PUT YOU IN A BAD SPOT. I AM DETERMINED TO
GET OUT OF THIS HOLE I HAVE BEEN IN MY ENTIRE LIFE.
AND YOU KNOW FIRST HAND BECAUSE YOU HAVE WORKED IN
THE SAME PLACE IVE GROWN UP IN ALL MY LIFE.

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PEOPLE MIGHT SAY IVE HAD PLENTY OF CHANCES BUT
THEY DIDNT GROW UP SEEING THE WORLD? DID THEY
DIDNT GET RAISED BY INSTITUTIONS. SO THEY HAVE NO
IDEA AND THEIR FOR TO THEM IM JUST ANOTHER FUCK
UP, CAREER CRIMINAL AND THEIR FOR ANOTHER STATISTIC.
BUT YOU KNOW WHAT IM GONNA MAKE IT OUT OF THIS LIFE
BECAUSE IM A FIGHTER AND IM A SURVIVOR. [REDACTED] IS IT HERE
AND LOOK BACK AT MY LIFE AT THE AGE OF 22 AND SAY
WOW THATS FUCKIN CRAZY AND MESS'D UP BUT IM
AN ADULT NOW AND I DONT NEED NO ONE TO DEPEND ON.
WHEN I GET OUT THIS TIME I AINT GOT NO EXCUSES,
ITS ALL IN MY HANDS AND IM GONNA MAKE IT? PROMISE YOU
I WILL MAKE IT. I WILL NOT LET THEM TAKE MY LIFE AWAY
FROM ME. I WILL NOT FEAR THE LAW BUT I WILL RESPECT
IT BECAUSE THE LAW DOESNT ~~LOOSE~~ LOSE. THE LAW IS POWERFULL
AND IT WILL TAKE YOUR LIFE AWAY IF YOU LET IT. THEIR IS
TOO MUCH TO LIVE FOR OUT THEIR AND IVE LET THESE PEOPLE
HAVE TOO MUCH OF MY LIFE BUT ITS OVER NOW MY YOUTH
WAS WASTED BUT NOW I KNOW IVE SEEN KIDS MY AGE
IN HERE THAT WILL NEVER HAVE THEIR FREEDOM BACK THEY
ARE LABELED AS DEAD MEN WALKING THEY ARE ALREADY DEAD.
GUNS KILL THAT THE BOTTOM LINE THEY DONT JUST KILL
THE PERSON IN FRONT OF THE GUN THEY ALSO KILL THE ONE
BEHIND IT. WITH TODAYS TECHNOLOGY YOU WILL GET CAUGHT.
IT IS NOT WORTH IT. I REALLY NEED SOMEONE LIKE [REDACTED] TO COACH
ME ON LIFE BECAUSE I HAVE NO IDEA WHAT TO DO IN
THE REAL WORLD. IVE BEEN IN JAIL EVER SINCE I WAS 15.
NOW IM 22. I NEED SOMEONE THAT KNOWS HOW TO
HOLD DOWN A JOB, SOMEONE THAT IS A FAMILY MAN. I KNOW
THINGS LIKE HOW TO HAVE SEX AND PLEASE A WOMAN BECAUSE

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I STARTED young BUT THATS IT I WANT TO KNOW THE TRICKS ABOUT HOW TO REALLY MAKE A WOMAN HAPPY HOW DO YOU MAKE IT WORK, I DONT KNOW HOW TO HAVE FUN, FUN TO ME IS FIGHTING ACTUALLY YOU DONT HAVE FUN IN JAIL BECAUSE YOUR SO WORRIED ABOUT SAVING YOUR LIFE EVERY INSTANT YOU DONT HAVE TIME FOR NOTHING ELSE. NOW IM LOCKED IN A CELL 23 HOURS A DAY AND HOW MUCH FUN CAN YOU HAVE LIVING LIKE THAT? THEY SAY 90% OF OFFENDERS COME BACK BECAUSE THEY DONT HAVE A PLACE TO LIVE DONT HAVE ANY MONEY AND DONT HAVE A SUPPORT SYSTEM. THAT SCARES THE SHIT OUT OF ME. I HATE ASKING FOR HELP TOO BUT ~~IF~~ IF THERE IS ANY WAY YOU CAN HELP ME I WILL LISTEN TO EVERYTHING YOU SAY. I NEED SOME KIND OF DISCIPLINE WHEN I GET OUT YOU ARE ALL I GOT. I KNOW IT MIGHT SOUND STUPID BUT FORGET WHAT PEOPLE THINK. IF IM GONNA BE SUCCESSFUL ON PAROLE I NEED SOMEONE TO BE LIKE A MOTHER FIGURE TO ME AND WE BOTH KNOW MY BIOLOGICAL MOM CANT DO THAT. YOU HAVE 3 BEAUTIFULL SMART AND EDUCATED CHILDREN AND I THATS CHALLENGED BY AUTISM MOM WHEN I WAS THAT AGE I WAS SMOKING POT, METH, CIGARETTES AND CARRYING KNIVES TO SCHOOL. NOW CAN YOU PICTURE DEW DOING DOING THAT RIGHT NOW? HELL NO BECAUSE YOU ARE A RESPONSIBLE, CARING, AND LOVING MOTHER. I DIDNT HAVE THAT. I WANT TO BE LIKE ~~THE~~ AND ~~THE~~, I IDOL THEM AND LOOK UP TO THEM. LOOK I BELIEVE I CAN STILL BE LIKE THEM BUT IM MISSING THAT KEY PIECE I GROW UP WITHOUT ALL THAT YOU

Listen I Believe god is Telling me To Ask you
 For Help. I PRAY and SAY GOD PLEASE HELP ME
 I HAVE NOTHING PLEASE BUT SOMETHING IN MY LIFE THAT
 WILL KEEP ME CLOSE TO YOU AND HELP ME BE A BETTER
 PERSON. I WANT TO BE A GOOD MAN, HUSBAND, FATHER
 AND FRIEND AND IF I HAD YOU A GOOD SON. I DONT
 FEEL LIKE I BELONG TO ANYONE RIGHT NOW ALL I FEEL
 IS NUMB AND LONELY. I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT IT
 AND PLEASE DONT FEEL OBLIGATED OR PRESSURED I WANT IT
 TO BE REAL. BUT I PROMISE YOU IF YOU GAVE ME THE HONOR
 TO BE YOUR SON I WOULD ALWAYS LISTEN TO YOU. I WANT
 TO HAVE TO CALL MY MOTHER AND TELL HER THAT IM FINE WHENEVER
 SHE ASKS ME TO CALL HER OR TO BE HOME AT A CERTAIN
 TIME TO BE ABLE TO TALK TO HER ABOUT PERSONAL THINGS
 IN LIFE TO HELP ME SEE IF SOME GIRL IS RIGHT FOR ME
 TO MARRY AND HAVE KIDS WITH. I WANT TO BE GOOD BROTHER
 THAT MY LITTLE BROTHER LOOKS UP TO. I REMEMBER WHEN YOU
 AND JESSE LIVED IN THAT LITTLE TOWN IN PENNSYLVANIA AND I CAME
 UP TO VISIT AROUND CHRISTMAS TIME WELL I LOOKED UP TO
 JESSE I WANTED TO BE LIKE HIM. HE WAS SO COOL TO
 ME. WELL I WAS GONNA TELL YOU ON THE PHONE MOE, NATE
 ROBINSON AND A COUPLE OTHERS BEAT THE SHIT OUT
 OF ME IN OLYMPIC POOL ALL THE TIME WHEN I GOT INTO
 FIGHTS. THEY WOULD LOCK EVERYONE DOWN AND COME
 TO MY DOOR AND TELL ME TO GO TO THE BACK OF
 THE CELL I WOULD AND THEY WOULD COME IN AND SLAM
 ME DOWN AND TELL ME TO STOP RESISTING. I WOULDNT
 EVEN BE FIGHTING WITH THEM AND THEY WOULD PUT ME
 IN ARM LOCKS AND REST LOCKS ONE TIME I COULDNT FEEL
 OR MOVE MY ARM FOR ABOUT 5 DAYS I WAS TOO SCARED

To SAY ANY TO MEDICAL OR I WOULD GET IT WORSE I TOLD ONE C/O AND HIS NAME I CANT REMEMBER BUT IF I SEEN HIS NAME I'D REMEMBER AND HE SAID I WAS JUST FAKING AND LYING AND LOCKED ME DOWN SO I COULDN'T TELL ANYONE. ANYWAY THEIRS ALOT OF THINGS THAT HAPPENS TO ME AND I SEEN THEM DO. PIKE I SAID BEFORE WAIT TILL I GET OUT AND I'LL HELP YOU WITH DIFFERENT PEOPLES NAMES. IF I TELL YOU NOW I'LL BE LABELED AS A SNITCH AND I'LL HAVE A BAD NAME TRUST ME YOU'D BE SURPRIZED HOW SHIT GETS AROUND AND IT AINT EVEN TRUE HALF THE TIME JUST DO ME THAT FAVOR BUT UNTILL THEN YOU CAN USE ME ALL YOU NEED. DONT WORRY I GOT YOUR BACK. I REMEMBER MOE USE TO TALK TO US ALL THE TIME ABOUT HOW HE DID WOMAN LIKE FUCKIN THEM IN THE ASS OR HOW MANY HE GETS A NIGHT SHIT LIKE THAT. HE USE TO TELL US ABOUT THE CLUBS HE GOES TO, THAT DUDE WAS SO CARLIFT IT AINT EVEN FUNNY. HIM AND A COUPLE OTHERS BRONG US CIGARETTES AND WEED ALL THE TIME TOO. RUMORS HAD IT HE GOT CAUGHT HAVIN SEX WITH STAFF [REDACTED] IN THE MEDICAL DEPARTMENT. DURING SENIOR NIGHT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WOULD TAKE PIKE 3 SENIORS FROM [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] AND 5 FROM [REDACTED] THE GIRLS BOO I WONT SAY WHO BECAUSE I HAD TO GET WITH HER AND ASK HER IF ITS OK FIRST BUT [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] NEW WHAT I WOULD DO ME AND THIS ONE GIRL WERE DATING AND EVERY TIME WE'D GO TO THE GYM SHE WOULD GO ONTO THE BATHROOM [REDACTED] I WOULD GO

6. AND WE WOULD HAVE SEX FOR ABOUT 20 MINUTES THEN COME OUT. [REDACTED] AND [REDACTED] WOULD JUST BE LAUGHING SO HARD THEY THOUGHT IT WAS FUNNY. I WOULD TELL [REDACTED] OR [REDACTED] IF I HAD A PROBLEM WITH SOMEONE [REDACTED] AND THEY WOULD SAY AIRIGHT GO WOOP HIS ASS THEN. [REDACTED] THEN I WOULD GO AND START SOCKEN HIM AND AFTER I BEAT HIS ASS THEY WOULD RUN OVER AND AET IPE THEY BROKE IT UP THEN TAKE DUDE TO MEDICAL AND I WOULDNT GET IN TROUBLE FOR IT. THAT HAPPEND TWICE AND IM WILLING TO TESTIFY AGAINST THEIR ASSES TO IF YOUR LAWER NEEDS ME. TELL YOUR LAWER TO COME SEE ME AND ILL TELL HIM OR HER EVERY DETAIL. THAT SHITS BEEN GOIN ON TOO LONG AND IM GLAD SOMEONE'S FINALLY STEPPIG UP TO DO THE RIGHT THING. I RESPECT YOU FOR THAT. ANYWAY I WANT YOU TO THINK ABOUT WHAT I SAID. BE REAL WITH ME. IM A GOOD MAN AND IM GONNA BE SOMEONE IF YOU WANT TO BE PART OF OF MY LIFE YOUR WELCOME TOO IM OPENING THAT DOOR ITS UP TO YOU. I PROMISE THERE WONT BE NO BULLSHIT AND ILL LISTEN TO YOU. IM GONNA BE PAROLEING EITHER NOV OR DEC I WILL FIND OUT THE EXACT DATE ON OCTOBER 20TH 2009. THEY HAVE TO LET ME OUT THEY HAVE NO CHOICE BECAUSE MY TIMES UP. WELL TELL [REDACTED] I LOVE HIM AND I WANT TO BE IN HIS LIFE I DONT WANNA BE LIKE MY FATHER. I HAVE A CHANCE AND IM GONNA TAKE IT. WRITE ME BACK ASAP I REALLY WANNA HERE YOUR FEELINGS. LOVE ALWAYS

Yours Truly
[REDACTED]