



Feb 1st- As part of the Decarcerate Coalition and Black Lives Matter Alliance Broward, CHIP took to the streets in front of the Broward courthouse and Main Jail. Banner is a rendering of Benjie Coffield's art.

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## CHIP PO BOX

Want to write to us directly?  
Contact us at the address below.  
We try to ensure that everyone is responded to within a month.

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## COVID-19 NOW IN EVERY BROWARD JAIL

As of the beginning of February, CHIP has received reports of COVID-19 outbreaks in every single jail in Broward county. We learned about outbreaks in the Paul Rein Detention Facility in units D4, D5 and D6, with D7 on quarantine. In Broward Main, unit 5A3 is under quarantine after a COVID-19 positive person was brought into it, with surrounding units also under quarantine. While we were outside Broward Main at the protest on Feb 1st, we saw a couple people on the 5th floor use sign language to report that they had COVID-19 also. In North Broward a group of over 10 people tested positive in 11C4. It's been reported that Joseph V. Conte also has outbreaks of COVID-19. We know everyone is doing their best inside to prevent the spread, and that it's not their fault. We keep working to pressure the institutions to keep everyone safer without compromising the little freedoms they have left.

## ACLU SETTLEMENT NOTICE: OPPORTUNITY TO RESPOND

The American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) Settlement Agreement regarding their lawsuit with the Broward Sheriff's Office (BSO) over lack of enough implemented COVID-19 prevention procedures is now available publicly and a summary should be posted in the Jail as a "Notice." The Settlement itself can be found on a kiosk, or a copy can be requested from a housing deputy. The Notice summarizing the Settlement and informing how to contact the court about it should also be posted where it can visibly be seen in a unit/dorm. Any disagreements, objections, and/or concerns about the settlement can be sent to the judge of this case by writing him a letter. It's good for letters to explain about experiences while incarcerated during the COVID-19 pandemic, the safety issues, and ways that the settlement agreement is not being followed. Letters should have on the first page "Barnett v. Tony, No. 0:20-cv-61113-WPD" in addition to a name, arrest # and current detention facility. The mailing address is "Clerk of the Court US District Court Southern District of FL, 299 East Broward Blvd. Room 205F, Ft. Lauderdale, FL 33301."

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## A CHILLING ABUSE OF POWER

We've heard reports from the North Broward Bureau of officers routinely resorting to harsh punishment for very minor infractions such as standing up in the day room or not wearing uniforms up to their standards. Folks report experiencing firsthand and witnessing others being put in physically extreme and uncomfortable circumstances including cold room punishment. Gordon Weekes and the Public Defender's office have been notified and a BSO complaint form has been filed by CHIP resulting in an Internal Affairs investigation into the matter. Our hope is that this is not a widespread issue, but if you have a loved one that has experienced anything like this, or anything abusive, please empower them to file a grievance. Of course anyone can call us at CHIP to report these complaints as well. Everyone incarcerated in Broward jails deserves to be treated with dignity.



## ABOUT CHIP

The COVID-19 Hotline for Incarcerated People (CHIP) is an all-volunteer prison abolition group which runs a hotline for incarcerated people in South Florida. We offer information, resources, & referrals to incarcerated people facing dire conditions in the wake of COVID-19. We accept calls (including collect calls) 3 days a week (see below for details). We document the conditions in the jails, connect incarcerated people with family members and other resources, do direct advocacy and agitate for systemic change.

CALL/TEXT (561) 486-9099    [CHIP\\_HOTLINE@RISEUP.NET](mailto:CHIP_HOTLINE@RISEUP.NET)  
CHECK OUT OUR PODCAST ON SPOTIFY: "TEARING DOWN THE WALLS"

## FREE PHONE CALL

In case you didn't know, everyone incarcerated in Broward jails is entitled to one free video visitation per week. Have your friend or loved one send an email to [shanika\\_mulkey@sheriff.org](mailto:shanika_mulkey@sheriff.org). In it should include a request for a free video visitation, your name, a photo of themselves and a photo of their picture ID.

## STIMULUS INFO

On Feb 12th, applications reopened for incarcerated individuals to apply for economic impact payments. If you did not receive either, or received only 1 of the 2 payments, you can apply. In order to do so, you must file a 2020 tax return using the 1040 form by April 15th 2021.

## ON SUPPORT:

Fellow incarcerated people:

Find people of like minds. It's healthy to be in good communication with your peers. Do not think you're alone in these tough times, someone else always has it worse.

Legal: Finding lawyers, paralegals or any legal service organization is a must. You have to line yourself up with these organizations so they may assist you with your legal work. Request your Florida Constitution and your United States Constitutional rights from your law library. Properly dissect these laws for a full understanding.

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