

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR  
THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA

LOUIS HAMILTON, et al.,	)	
	)	
Plaintiffs,	)	
	)	
v.	)	CIVIL ACTION
	)	NO. 69-2443
	)	Section LLM (5) and
ERNEST N. MORIAL, et al.,	)	Consolidated Cases
	)	
Defendants.	)	

AMENDED COMPLAINT

Plaintiffs, on behalf of themselves and the certified class herein, amend all prior complaints in this matter to add David Ramsey, Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals, and all of his successors in office, as a defendant herein. Specifically, plaintiffs amend the complaint in Estevez, et al. v. Foti, et al., USDC No. 88-01162 "K"(5), and all the cases consolidated therein, in the following particulars, without waiving any of the claims which are already made against all defendants in the Estevez and above-captioned proceedings:

I.

Plaintiffs seek to amend Section IV. defendants, to add Paragraph 18-B which will read as follows:

18-B Defendant David Ramsey is the Secretary of the Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals. As such, he is responsible for administration of the Office of Mental Health, which is legally responsible for those persons detained at the Orleans Parish Prison who have been found incompetent to stand trial. Louisiana statutes on not guilty by reason of insanity, contrary to Secretary Ramsey, has failed to take custody these individuals and find appropriate placement at state treatment facilities. He is sued in his official capacity.

II.

Plaintiffs additionally seek to amend Section VI factual allegations, paragraph 34 to read as follows:

34. Services to psychiatric patients are inadequate, and constitutes deliberate indifference to prisoners' needs. Mentally ill prisoners, including persons adjudicated incompetent to stand trial and persons found not guilty by reason of insanity, are often held in the jail for long periods of time for no reason other than a lack of space elsewhere or in an appropriate treatment facility. Psychiatric patients have consistently been subjected to abuse by staff. Psychological counseling or therapy for the general population is non-existent.


III.

In all other respects plaintiffs reallege and incorporate by reference all of the allegations of the amended complaint in Estevez v. Foti, USDC No. 88-01162, which allegations apply equally against defendant Bruce Lynn as against all the other defendants.

Respectfully submitted,

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ORDER

Upon consideration of plaintiffs' motion to amend their original and amended complaint and to add a party defendant in Estevez v. Foti, USDC No. 88-01162 "K" (5), and the cases consolidated therein, it is hereby ordered that the motion is granted.

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Date

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U.S. Magistrate