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**HOLLISTON DTC BREAKFAST - CIVIL RIGHTS CASE**

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To: Christopher Perry <cperrylaw@gmail.com>

Tue, May 13, 2014 at 8:51 AM

Chris,

Thanks for sending these materials along. I'm reviewing now. It's a very sad situation. It was nice meeting you in Holliston. Did anything happen with the legislation this week?

Regards,  
Maura

On Sat, May 10, 2014 at 3:49 PM, Christopher Perry <cperrylaw@gmail.com> wrote:  
Mrs. Healey:

I met you less than a three hours ago at the Holliston Democratic Town Committee Breakfast where we conversed about a civil rights case involving my client, Jason Davis.

*I specifically inquired as to whether or not you personally would publicly come forth this week in support of the Davis matter which is now before the Senate.* You told me to send you materials on this matter.

I have been engaged in a 21 year legal battle against the State of Massachusetts, and two of its prior Attorney Generals, relative to an issue where my client is in the right and always has been. My mentally ill, involuntarily committed client was savagely and brutally beaten by Staff at the Westborough State Hospital in 1993 which beating caused him to sustain acute physical and psychiatric injuries. Two of the abusers were convicted violent felons at hire which the DMH knew. These circumstances, as to this abuse and resultant injuries, were recounted in a rather robust reported opinion by the First Circuit Court of Appeals after a four week federal civil rights trial in Boston Federal Court. See Davis v. Rennie, 264 F. 3d 86, 97-102 (2001). The Commonwealth then filed a writ of certiorari in the U.S. Supreme Court - after its First Circuit loss- which was also denied. Thus, my client won in all three Federal Courts. See Davis v. Rennie, 264 F. 3d 86 (1<sup>st</sup> Cir. 2001); Davis v. Rennie, 997 F. Supp. 137 (D. Mass. 1998); Davis v. Rennie, 553 U.S. 1053 (2002); Davis v. Rennie, 178 F. Supp. 2d 28 (D. Mass. 2001).

The Davis case was the first case in the Nation to hold that Doctors, Nurses and Health care Workers cannot stand idly by, under the Constitution, when one of their own is brutally and savagely beating a mentally ill inpatient. Davis v. Rennie, 264 F. 3d 86, 97-102 (2001). It would be the work of a million men and women to have a candidate for Attorney General support the Davis family - in the public eye and in its greatest time of need - as its travels the last leg of its 21 year legal journey this week. (Senate Amendments to the Budget are due by Friday).

**The Davis family and the Attorney General should never have been adversaries in the first place. I would respectfully call upon you to stand with the Davis family this week in support of the payment of the entire Davis verdict. The Davis reported opinions will forever protect the mentally ill throughout our Nation. It would be great to have law enforcement publicly stand with us on these issues.**

I attach a link, which sets forth amendment 326 as recently passed by the House of Representatives, together with additional three links (**Boston Globe article**, a TV piece by **Janet Wu** and a second newspaper article), the First Circuit opinion and a summary of the case. This amendment, these links, opinion and summary all address the sordid story of physical abuse which was exacted upon my client.

This civil rights case, as noted, went all the way to the U.S. Supreme Court and my mentally ill client (Jason Davis) made historic constitutional law for the protection of the entire Nation. See *Davis v. Rennie*, 264 F. 3d 86, 97-102 (2001). The verdict stands at 2.1 million dollars. On May 1, 2014 the House allotted \$500,000 to Amendment 326. The Davis family is extremely heartened by and grateful for the action of the House but respectfully submits that that the entirety of the verdict should be paid - not just part of it. **It is time to right this wrong in a manner which is true, just and complete. Improvement only comes from full accountability.**

The links are as follows:

<https://malegislature.gov/Budget/FY2015/House/ChamberActions?pg=4&perPage=100>

<http://www.bostonglobe.com/metro/2014/03/09/jason-davis-beating-foreshadowed-joshua-messier-tragedy/JUTn1QniHkN8SCnrwqk9IK/story.html>

<http://www.wcvb.com/news/Family-waits-years-for-millions-after-son-beaten-at-hospital/24914784>

<http://www.hollistonreporter.com/article/9378/christopher-perry-and-the-jason-davis-case.html>

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