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**ATTN: Mr. Duke Lim, D.N.P., R.N., CNML Administrator & Mr. Richard C Holbert, M.D. – ECT Doctor**

**Cc: Patient Experience, Risk Management/Patient Safety**

Monday - June 21, 2021

**UF Health Psychiatric Hospital - Patient: BRIAN HENLEY**

***RE: Forced ECT procedures, Forced Psychotropic Drugging and Involuntary Commitment orders***

**Formal Complaint and Grievance - Notice to Cease and Desist**

Administrator Mr. Duke Lim, D.N.P., R.N., CNML,

I am writing to you regarding this young man’s treatment that is being **forced**upon him at the Psychiatric Hospital that you oversee. What we want to know is **how** does this go on at your hospital and facility? How do you “**allow”** a Patient to be **forced** procedures “**and**” with the life-threatening risks which include death as a well-known side effect? When did UF Health, who strives for "high quality and compassionate care" change? Your website states “*Our mission is to promote health through outstanding and high-quality patient care; innovative and rigorous education in the health professions and biomedical sciences; and high-impact research across the spectrum of basic, translational and clinical investigation.*” There is nothing whatsoever that you are performing in your Psychiatric hospital that promotes "health" by forcing dangerous procedures and drugs onto your patients. Specifically, your patient Brain Henley who has been a patient in your care the last 3 weeks, has been forced to have four (4) Electric Convulsive Treatments (ECT procedures) to date, as of this afternoon. Mr. Henley never consented to these barbaric "procedures" at any time during his stay at your facility. So, we want to know "**why**" these ECT's are being performed on a patient that has not given their consent to numerous procedures that include severe memory, brain damage and death as a side effect?

There are Informed Consent Laws that protect Mr. Brain Henley from these barbaric and unethically forced procedures (ECT/Forced Psychotropics). Reverting back to the Informed Consent “Law” that states “Consent is given voluntarily and freely by the subject or his guardian or authorized representative “*without*” the intervention of *force, fraud, deceit, duress, coercion* or *undue influence*. The Committing Doctors have broken the law by performing experimental procedures on Mr. Henley. Experimental procedures that are harming his brain and body. Procedures that are unethically being performed without his consent to them. Force of Experimental drugs and forced ECT is illegal within the United States of American.

Mr. Henley has purposefully, repeatedly and forcibly been Iatrogentically harmed because your Committing doctors felt that controlling this man’s own free will has been beneficial to him over all of the risks that he has faced to date and will risk in the near future, and the future to come by the “well-known” and unknown side effects to come.

As a hospital, which is a place where patients seek help for their health concerns and consent to treatments to help them get well, this patient has undergone the very contrary because of the committing Psychiatrists that work at your hospital facility. These forced procedures are barbaric and extremely dangerous and are extremely detrimental to this young man, Mr. Henley's health. Patient safety should be the top priority at your hospital. Your hospital is on Violation because you have failed to protect this man’s Patient Rights and you have repeatedly assaulted his body. You have repeatedly assaulted his body while forcing him under sedative anesthetics. Assault on another person’s body is a punishable crime. Purposely and knowingly intimidating, surrounding Mr. Henley and forcing him into an ECT treatment is unethical, assault and battery, and a punishable crime by Florida State Law as well as The US court-of-law.

UF Health is in violation because they have failed to protect Mr. Henley's Civil Rights, Human Rights, and Patient Rights upon numerous attempts to stop this treatment by Mr. Henley himself. UF Health has consistently broken the law. We suggest that you urgently collaborate with your patient, Mr. Henley and any family members or close friends that he deems supportive and find ways to take the "appropriate" treatment measures that are right, ethical and most beneficial for him now and in the long run. The committing doctor’s told the courts that there were no other forms of treatment for him at this time. This is unfortunately misrepresentation to the court and is also unlawful to note and submit such inaccurate and falsified information to a US Court of Law. How have you explained to the Florida courts that these procedures “heal” a young healthy man? How does this young man now succeed in society after these non-consented to and brain-disabling treatments that you and your Staff Psychiatrist's deemed necessary and mandatory to a court of law and are preforming on Mr. Henley?

As you are already aware, there are plenty of other **non-invasive** treatments that are evidenced- based to “heal” patients, not forcibly harm. Compassionate, Empathic Care and Therapy is one. Behavioral techniques that will help "resolve" and get to the root cause of Mr. Henley's concerns can successfully heal him. Forcing ECT and Toxic Psychotropic drugs upon someone is inhumane. These Psychotropics can be extremely toxic to a person's body and brain and come with their own highly alarming side effects, including coma and death. These drugs are poisonous to the human body and you are forcing Mr. Henley to ingest multiple poisons daily under your supervision and under your care.

UF Health hospital has continually violated Mr. Henley's autonomy by forcing him to have procedures that he does not consent to receive. You have continually assaulted this young man's body and brain while repeatedly re-traumatizing him. You have confined him to your facility where all of his free liberties have been taken away from him.

**Autonomy by definition**: in Western Ethics and Political philosophy, the state or condition of self-governance, or leading one's life according to reasons, values, or desires that are authentically one's own. Brian Henley has "Free Will” and **"NO"** man shall rob him of his Free and God-given wills.

Hospital Health Regulations which are set out and enforced by US Department Health and Human Services protect such fraud, assault and coercion and while also protecting Patient Safety, Welfare, and Human and Civil Rights. You have an obligation to protect Patient Safety which has been laid out by US Federal and State Law, and which you continually choose to violate.

We ask that you Cease and Desist “all” of the procedures and treatments that were not consented to by Mr. Henley, immediately and collaborate the necessary behavioral techniques, which include counseling that is healing for this young man. We ask that you Cease and Desist ECT treatment and stop shocking this man’s brain or further Civil, Human, and Patient Rights Violations will be sent to your hospital facility.

Respectfully written,

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Patient Advocate for U.S. Civil and Human Rights

Cc: Mindfreedom International, Law Project for Psychiatric Rights, CCHR International, OCR/Office of US Civil Rights, Florida State Department of Health, Walton County Florida MHA Ombudsman, Florida Legislation - (multiple representatives), Office of Florida Governor Ron DeSantis