



Texas Board of Criminal Justice  
Director, Office of the Ombudsman  
P.O. Box 99  
Huntsville, Texas 77342-0099

April 9, 2022

re: death threats, unit trying to put in general population, [REDACTED] [REDACTED], TDCJ # [REDACTED]

To the Texas Board of Criminal Justice Ombudsman Director:

I am writing on behalf of a gay man, Mr. [REDACTED] [REDACTED], Texas Department of Criminal Justice (TDCJ) number [REDACTED], currently incarcerated at the Telford Unit. This letter is being sent by US post and also **is being sent by email on the evening of April 9, 2022, requesting immediate attention.**

Mr. [REDACTED] reports that he was transferred to Telford Unit on or about January 26, 2022. Mr. [REDACTED] further reports that on or at some time prior to March 29, 2022, someone threatened to kill him due to his sexual orientation. Mr. [REDACTED] reports having kites with death threats, although it is unclear if he received the kites before March 29 or after.

Mr. [REDACTED] reports that he filed an IPI (inmate protection investigation) on March 29, but it appears that about April 4, the unit classification committee refused to substantiate Mr. [REDACTED]'s endangerment and ordered him to be moved out of restrictive housing. Mr. [REDACTED] again objected that his life is in danger and filed another IPI. He is afraid that Telford Unit administration will force him to move into housing where his life is in danger.

We are requesting that Mr. [REDACTED] be immediately moved to a different unit to avoid a life-threatening situation.



We look forward to receiving communication from your office that this issue is being addressed in a manner that will move the agency closer to ending the TDCJ-sanctioned discrimination and abuse of LGBTQ persons, which in addition to constituting violence in itself, encourages violence from TDCJ staff and other incarcerated persons and fails to meet PREA guidelines requiring zero tolerance of sexual abuse and sexual harassment.

Sincerely,

<b>TPI Incident Number</b> •2022-00164, Death threat
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Nell Gaither, President  
Trans Pride Initiative