

NY Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott Part of the Cover-Up

Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott is fully aware of the cover-ups of deaths of many people with disabilities, yet has chosen to be part of the cover-up

DELMAR, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, September 17, 2016 /EINPresswire.com/ -- Staggering numbers of deaths of people with disabilities living in residential care facilities and group homes are occurring every year in New York State, on average over 4,000. Extremely large numbers of these deaths are criminally negligent deaths that are being purposefully covered-up. Inspector General Catherine Leahy Scott, who was appointed by [Governor Cuomo](#), has done nothing to stop these horrific crimes and many of these preventable deaths from happening or the criminal cover-ups. Upwards of 1,000,000 children and adults with disabilities or those struggling with mental illness in New York State are being discriminated against. These individuals are being denied the same privileges to immediate 911 emergency medical and police first responder services and assistance when they are victims of crimes. This is occurring all the time in State and private residential care facilities and group homes that are widely known to be unsafe and providing substandard care and services. Without question people with disabilities are being denied their 14th Amendment U.S. Constitutional right to equal protection of laws and are being treated as lower class people deemed unworthy of



Jonathan Carey "Champion for the Disabled" Born September 12, 1993 Killed by caregivers on February 15, 2007

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protecting by Governor Cuomo and Inspector General Scott. People with disabilities in most cases when they are physically or sexually assaulted, significantly injured, in medical distress or have died the 911 call systems that were put in place to protect and assist everyone is purposefully bypassed in New York State. All attempts to have Inspector General Scott stop this horrific and deadly [discrimination in civil rights](#) against some of our societies most vulnerable since she became the Inspector General have gone ignored. For years Inspector General Scott has looked the other way

and has chosen to protect and shield top State officials and State agencies involved in some of the

most egregious and horrific acts of discrimination and criminal activity in the history of New York State. As 11-12 deaths of people with disabilities are reported daily on average almost all are purposefully never reported to local authorities including Medical Examiners and are purposefully not criminally investigated. The sole purpose of this regular practice is to cover-up criminally negligent deaths. Inspector General Scott has been aware of these criminal cover-ups of deaths, as well as the staggering numbers of physical and sexual assault crimes, and the fact that almost all of them are being covered-up. Inspector General Scott has chosen to protect and shield Governor Cuomo as well as many top State officials and criminals directly involved.

Inspector General Scott is looking the other way and treating the disabled differently and without question unequally. Inspector General Scott refuses to assist the disabled and continues to look the other way even after more recent investigative reporting pieces by AP News

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/34c9c059196a4b70bc8ded92d2fbe4b7/9-deaths-no-charges-raise-questions-about-oversight-agency>

<http://bigstory.ap.org/article/27b17232ed3c41d1b79db9c444e0e484/new-protocol-agency-sent-death-reports-nowhere>

and BuzzFeed News https://www.buzzfeed.com/benhattem/a-beating-at-bellevue?utm_term=.oj1lvbIA3#.yoOORvO5P

https://www.buzzfeed.com/benhattem/legislators-and-advocates-call-for-overhaul-of-justice-cente?utm_term=.xbJ9MJ97Y#.avQR1oR9M. The discriminatory treatment and horrific care and

services provided the disabled in New York State run and privately sub-contracted facilities and group homes is so vast and continues now worse than ever. Inspector General Scott is also attempting to protect the State from massive lawsuits, instead of protecting the disabled. The tragic fact is that Inspector General Scott could have taken decisive actions to stop the wide-scale discrimination, unequal treatment and criminal cover-ups deaths and many other crimes against the disabled since the award winning New York Times "Abused & Used" investigative reporting series, but she chose not to. http://www.nytimes.com/interactive/nyregion/abused-and-used-series-page.html?_r=0 This massive investigative reporting series which started to be released in March of 2011. The "Abused & Used" series was later to become a runner up for a Pulitzer Prize

<http://www.nytimes.com/2011/06/06/nyregion/boys-death-highlights-crisis-in-homes-for-disabled.html> .

Inspector General Scott had every opportunity for years to finally do what is right and stop the state-wide discrimination, but chose to ignore the disabled and their most basic of equal rights. Many precious people with disabilities, like Jonathan Carey have died and continue to die as a direct result of the discriminatory practice of bypassing 911.

<http://www.nytimes.com/video/nyregion/100000000849083/a-failure-to-protect.html> Instead of moving to dramatically protect and ensure the civil rights to 911 emergency medical and police services for the disabled, to ensure swift federal investigations and to stop the staggering numbers of deaths occurring, the safety and rights of the disabled were purposefully ignored. Inspector General Scott ignored her responsibilities as numerous steps were taken to ensure reported and witnessed crimes, including criminally negligent deaths would be kept from 911 call systems and all local authorities.

The ongoing civil rights violations against some of our most vulnerable can and must be stopped now. All attempts by Inspector General Scott to conceal and hide the criminal cover ups from the federal authorities and the conceal the horrific damages and deaths resulting from bypassing 911, bypassing local police and bypassing New York State penal laws is unconscionable. The direct conflict of interest is massive because the New York State Inspector General is supposed to ensure criminal wrongdoing is properly investigated and stopped. All attempts to have Inspector General Scott ensure swift federal criminal and civil rights investigations to date have gone ignored.

Governor Cuomo and Inspector General Scott continue to allow provider agencies to investigate the deaths occurring in their own facilities

<https://www.justicecenter.ny.gov/sites/default/files/documents/JusticeCenterDeathReportingClarification12-17-15.pdf> . As you will see from this State document, the acting Executive Director of Cuomo's

Justice Center abuse and death hotline, Jay Kiyonaga has directed the internal investigations of deaths. Here is the exact quote, "State and private providers should continue to review/investigate

deaths in their programs, unless informed otherwise by the Justice Center.”

Inspector General Scott, to date, has refused to seek immediate outside investigations by the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Divisions and from U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara. As a direct result, the discrimination and unequal treatment of the disabled as well as countless injuries, deaths and cover-ups continue in staggering scope. Inspector General Scott continues to look the other way as many innocent people with disabilities are dying, therefore she must be investigated and held accountable by the U.S. Department of Justice and U.S. Attorney Preet Bharara.

Stand with us for “equal rights” and “civil rights” for people with disabilities in New York State and throughout our great country by signing our petition at www.jonathancareyfoundation.org. No longer can 911 be bypassed, 911 call systems must be immediately called by all mandated reporters regarding all physical and sexual assaults, gross negligence of care, significant and suspicious injuries and when a person with a disability is in medical distress or has stopped breathing.

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