

New York State's Extremely Dangerous and Deadly Mental Health Care System

Today marks the 10th Anniversary of the tragic death of 13 year old Jonathan Carey, who had autism and was killed by his New York State employed caregivers.

DELMAR, NEW YORK, UNITED STATES, February 15, 2017 /EINPresswire.com/ -- It is critical to bring to light the fact that Mental Health facilities and group homes throughout New York State still remain extremely dangerous and deadly ten years later. Jonathan Carey was denied 911 emergency medical and police services on multiple occasions before he was ultimately killed by his caregivers on February 15, 2007.

The death of Jonathan was tragic and brought about some changes in the Mental Health System, Jonathan's Law and changing the penalty for those that commit crimes against the disabled to a felony offense yet, no significant changes have been initiated by Governor Cuomo to stop or prevent the rampant physical and sexual abuse, neglect and deaths of the disabled occurring within agencies under his control. Most crimes against the disabled are

purposefully kept from local police and County elected District Attorney's so that they can be easily covered-up and so they cannot be prosecuted. There have been 18,164 substantiated cases of abuse and neglect in less than three years with only 340 prosecutions by the New York State Justice Center, which is also under Governor Cuomo's authority. Most criminal matters are disappearing internally and are being covered-up with Governor Cuomo's knowledge.

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Michael Carey- Founder of the Jonathan Carey Foundation



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

The statistics reveal the vital need for immediate and direct reporting to 911 by mandated reporters so that first responder medical and police assistance can be swiftly ensured. The 911 call systems are being purposefully bypassed instead though which is deadly [discrimination of the disabled](#). People with disabilities who reside in residential care facilities and group homes are being treated unequally and they are being denied their constitutional right to equal protection of laws. Vital evidence cannot be collected, and an objective, independent, investigation is not happening in most criminal

cases ensuring that justice is evaded.

The Justice Center is supposed to investigate, but we have evidence that they are instructing facilities to investigate deaths that occurred in their own facility which is illegal and a direct conflict of interest. The Justice Center is also allowing State and private provider agencies to investigate themselves regarding physical and sexual assault crimes. Denying people with disabilities their basic privilege to immediate 911 medical and police services is without question discrimination in civil rights.

We must always remember Jonathan and all of those who have died and have been abused at the hands of their caregivers to ensure that their deaths and abuses are not in vain. We must act to prevent other disabled individuals from suffering the same horrible abuses. Jonathan's tragic death 10 years ago, today, is a reminder to us all that these are "life and death" matters and that individuals with disabilities can no longer be treated unequally and denied their equal protection of laws and equal access to 911 emergency services.

No longer can Governor Cuomo treat the disabled as sub-human beings denying them their basic rights to 911 emergency services, denying them equal protection of laws and denying them justice. 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 abuse, 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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