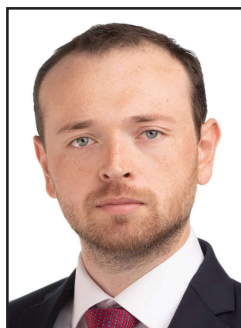


Patient subjected to verbal, physical abuse in facility

\$425,000 settlement



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The plaintiff was involuntarily confined to a state-run psychiatric facility for approximately two years. While confined, the plaintiff allegedly was subjected to severe and pervasive abuse by facility employees, including restraining the plaintiff without reason; failing to perform circulation checks during periods of restraint; and throwing the plaintiff off the bed and onto the ground.

Additionally, facility employees allegedly tormented the plaintiff with comments such as “your parents will need a closed casket” and “your parents should have belted you.”

Multiple employees were suspended for their alleged abuse of the plaintiff; they allegedly told the plaintiff, mockingly, “thanks for the

days off.”

The court agreed with the plaintiff that the defendants were not entitled to qualified immunity as their actions constituted violations of the plaintiff’s due process rights under the Fourteenth Amendment.

The case settled soon after the defendants’ motion to dismiss was denied.

Zachary Runyan, counsel for the plaintiff, provided case information.

Type of action: Psychiatric facility abuse

Injuries alleged: Emotional distress

Name of case: Confidential

Court/Case no./Date: Confidential; Sept. 7, 2021

Settlement amount: \$425,000

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