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My name is Jaylene Crosby and I am writing on behalf of my mother Ines Crosby 89979-509 who served over 2 years in FCI Dublin.

My mother was 79 when she self surrendered in April 2022 for a white collar crime. This was her first offense. Upon self surrendering they strip searched her. She is elderly and has bad arthritis in her hips, knees, and feet. She is absolutely not able to squat or balance on one leg to undress without something to hold on to for balance. When she asked for something to hold on to, they laughed at her, they said, "What is this, geriatrics day?" Because there was another 72 year old woman who was also there that day. She is a fall risk and when asking for help with her balance undressing, nothing was provided, only humiliation. When my mother was unable to squat and cough for the strip search they told her to get on her hands and knees and back her self up to the window and continued to laugh and make fun of her in this vulnerable state. They told her to spread herself to the window on her hands and knees and if she couldn't do it, they would come in there with their gloves. All of this was done without respect or compassion. My mother endured a childhood of sexual abuse, and being treated in this dehumanizing manner resurfaced all of that trauma from 70+ years ago.

My mother has been on Home Confinement since July 2024 and she has cried numerous times about this first experience. It was terrifying, and so traumatic for her. That first day had cuffed her with her hands behind her back even though she has a broken shoulder and her medical records reflected this. She has limited mobility, and yet they pulled her arm back anyway and it was painful and sore for months afterwards.

Because of Covid protocols in 2022 they quarantined my mother for the first 11 days. They used the SHU to quarantine all of the new inmates. My mother was placed in a room with a bunk bed and a toilet with another 72 year old woman. When neither of them could climb up to the top bunk the guards told them to pull a mattress on the floor and sleep on it. My mother said the room was covered in mold with no window or access to fresh air for 11 days.

This is the kind of treatment my mother endured for over 2 years in Dublin as an elderly first time non-violent offender. I could write another 5 pages about the medical neglect she also endured including a MRSA infection on her leg for 7 months that has left her with a dented huge scar on her leg.

During her first time giving a urine sample my mother could not relieve herself on command. My mother has zero history of any drug abuse. However she does have a history of childhood sexual assault which included strange men watching her in the bathroom. She also underwent pelvic floor reconstruction a few years ago as she had a prolapse which caused her bladder to fall into her vaginal canal. When my mother could not get her body to relieve it's self on command with a guard trying to watch her

urine stream they yelled and threatened to throw her in the SHU again. This experience again is one that continues to haunt my mother two years later.

It is my belief that if we want people to leave prison better people than when they went in it should be a safe place to recover. My mother and I believe the women in FCI Dublin were treated this way to dehumanize them, making them more compliant and broken and easier to intimidate. If they would be heartless enough to treat a compliant, elderly, first time offender this way, what chance do any others have for compassion and respect.

My mother will spend the last years of her life trying to recover from the trauma she experienced in Dublin, many of which I do not have the time or space to expound on in a letter. My parents have been married since they were 19 years old. Being separated from her family was supposed to be sentence for the crime she pled to. That was going to be very hard for her and her family, and would have been a very severe punishment. However, this additional trauma will last for years, and at 81 years old she will spend the last years of her life trying to heal.

I love my mother. I have three young children 5, 4, and 2 years old. I cherish the time they have left with her as their grandmother. I am sick to my stomach someone's grandmother could be treated this way in the name of justice and this broken system. My mother is still on home confinement until December 2024 and even now I still feel fear speaking up against the BOP. They have done nothing to rehabilitate her. They have only caused trauma that my mother and our family will have to process on our own. I have been shocked at the cognitive decline I have seen happen rapidly with my mother. As an example she will start to cut a watermelon and then stops and forgets to finish. This is not typical behavior for her. I know the stress and conditions of prison severely affected her in many ways. This kind of abuse and treatment cannot help women to become better versions of themselves. FCI Dublin and those responsible need to be held accountable.

Thank you for your time and efforts to protect those who have been abused.

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