



Private Prisons – Bad Track Records

Private prisons are treated like an innovation, but they have been around for over twenty years, with performance problems the entire time. They should be evaluated on the basis of their track record - not ideology.

1997, GEO (then Wackenhut) contract in Michigan, North Lake Correctional Center - In the first five months of operation, the facility reported 110 critical incidents, including 46 assaults and 12 attempted suicides.

1997, CCA contract in Youngstown, Ohio - Seven people died in the first year of operation; twenty more were stabbed and six people escaped, including two murderers.

2009, Texas, GEO Group - Gregoria de la Rosa, an honorably discharged former National Guardsman, was brutally murdered in a Geo prison in Texas. He was serving a six-month sentence, when a few days before his scheduled release, he was beaten to death by two other inmates using a lock tied to a sock.

July 2010, Kingman, Arizona, MTC - Three prisoners escaped from a medium security facility, kidnapped two truck drivers and murdered two tourists.

October 2011, Sayre, Oklahoma, CCA – forty-six people were injured, 16 hospitalized, three in critical condition after a riot in a CCA prison.

March 2012, New Mexico, CCA and GEO - New Mexico's corrections agency fined GEO with \$1.4 million in penalties for the company's continued failure to adequately staff contract facilities. CCA was fined \$12,000 for similar failures.

These Are Not Isolated Incidents

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