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Indiana Tuberculosis Outbreak Victims File Class Action Complaint

More Than 30 Pendleton Correctional Facility Inmates Seek Damages

INDIANAPOLIS, IL--(Marketwired - June 29, 2015) - On May 19, 2015, the law firms of Stewart & Stewart Attorneys and Pavlack Law, LLC, filed a class action complaint in the Marion Superior Court 7 against the Indiana Department of Correction (IDOC) and IDOC Commissioner Bruce Lemmon on behalf of Larry Newton and 30 additional Plaintiffs affected by last year's Pendleton Correctional Facility tuberculosis (TB) outbreak.

In the complaint, the Plaintiffs allege that they were exposed to a fellow inmate who exhibited symptoms of active TB while incarcerated at the Pendleton Correctional Facility in Pendleton, Indiana, during spring and summer 2014.

During their period of exposure, IDOC failed to provide "prompt and adequate medical care to the inmate or inmates who was/were exhibiting signs of active TB, and Defendants otherwise failed to institute and/or implement proper policies to properly screen, treat, and diagnose the inmate or inmates with active TB."

The Plaintiffs allege that approximately 400 individuals were exposed to the bacterium that causes TB. To date, at least 50 inmates have tested positive for TB following subsequent screenings. The Plaintiffs are seeking damages on behalf of themselves and all others affected.

Darron Stewart, of Stewart & Stewart Attorneys, is representing victims affected by the Pendleton Correctional Facility TB outbreak, and he is continuing to take cases related to the matter.

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