# **Torturegate**: The Great American Hypothermic Torture Massacre and Cover Up

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New York Times Op-ed Article (Submitted 6/16/16 but not published) I unfortunately discovered the hard way our nation's deepest darkest most evil secret. Our nation's worst once secret was we target and torture to death our own citizens with the slowest most brutal torture a human can endure using slow hypothermic torture and hypothermic murder, in our jails, prisons, border stations, juvenile detention centers, and Navy brigs.

Hypothermia is the forced reduction of your body temperature until you die, and deaths start at body temperatures of 95 degrees F and below. If it is winter and you step outside naked how long will you last? Once your body temperature goes below 95 degrees F the answer is not very long.

Do you remember the recent past "ice bucket challenge" which went viral, with people videotaping a bucket of ice and water being poured over their heads? It was to show one is capable of withstanding a sudden brief burst of instant pain, machismo forever recorded, for a good cause. One group of young teenage girls took the challenge on a late summer day, afterwards all changing into warm dry clothes, except one, who the girls egged on to see how long she could go without changing. Shivering for hours and still encouraged to withstand, the girl climbed onto a lawn chair curled up and died. The other girls standing around thought she was sleeping, she looked peaceful. She was dead.

People have no idea how dangerous hypothermia is, the word seems to confuse people. But it does not confuse our jail and prison guards who lock inmates in concrete cells so cold they cannot stay alive. So many die. The local newspapers print an article reporting an inmate died of hypothermia, but only medical professionals are alarmed, everyone else is not sure what hypothermia means, or if a pill can help.

Hypothermia can start at air temperatures of 71 degrees F and lower. Most times it starts with shivering. If the shivering cannot produce enough heat, body temperature starts to reduce. Without means to stay warm at a jail cell temperature of 45 degrees F it takes about six to nine hours to kill an inmate. At 50 degrees F, about nine to twelve hours. At 60 degrees it can take days. Painful shivering turns into painful violent shivering and then painful body jerking, chattering of teeth until teeth cracked, blue and purplish skin, fingers and hands turn blue, numbness, loss of use of limbs, dizziness, nausea, and confusion, then death.

A slow hypothermic death is the most painful death a human can withstand because the increasing levels of intense pain lasts hours and days, non-stop, until a final phase of bursting pain so severe victims refuse to describe readily, which is usually followed by death.

Hypothermic torture and or homicide is used in every state and by every branch of law enforcement, sheriff's, police, state prisons, federal prisons, the FBI, the CIA, the

Navy brigs, the Border Patrol, Gitmo, and some courthouses. I have not found anyone not using it.

Hypothermic torture comes in two forms, first using powerful air conditioning the whole jail is super chilled to sub-hypothermic conditions, the second being individually engineered cells, or once secret cell blocks, with specific venting and HVAC supplements to super chill the cells to maintain a constant 45 to 50 degree F temperature range. Some of these cells can be made very, very hot. Recently a Rikers Island jail guard was on trial for murder because he turned up the heat in one inmate's cell so hot the inmate's brain baked to death. This is called "hyperthermia torture" the opposite of hypothermic torture, but both kill.

The FBI called their version, "temperature manipulation," so did the Navy brigs, and the CIA and DOJ called theirs "cold cell" in their now infamous enhanced murder techniques memo which legalized torturing to death innocent victims, with at least one confirmed hypothermic kill, but is suspected in four other deaths. It ends up hypothermia, including ice baths, was used all the time on all the victims, round the clock. It produced the maximum amount of pain for days and weeks and months. You cannot sleep when you are violently shivering. Without sleep you go insane.

The CIA's investigation noted the guards last checked on one victim inmate before leaving for the night in a secret foreign prison: "Guards noted that he was shivering; however, they noted that all prisoners frequently shiver." The guards found the victim dead in the morning from hypothermia. He had been stripped naked below the waist to expose his genitals to the frigid cold air for even more pain. His family was denied his dead body for even a proper burial.

The problem of torture worsens when the victims die from the torture, and compounds again when no actionable intelligence was garnered leaving nothing but gluttonous wanton torture and murder; it was a massacre by the very definition.

The CIA is now blaming the Federal Bureau of Prisons for making them use hypothermic torture/murder. The two creepy psychologists who were paid \$81 million to reverse engineer the Navy SEAL's SERE (how to withstand torture, including building up resistance to hypothermia training program) are now being sued by three innocent victims they tortured, two are alive thankfully, and the third being the one tortured to death with hypothermia, represented by his family.

#### **Domestic Hypothermic Deaths**

Most of the domestic local jail and prison inmates tortured to death with hypothermia take place in what inmates call the "hole" which is officially called suicide watch. If the guards find out you are sad about being locked in jail, or they find out you take

medication, or they do not like you, they will strip you naked and lock you in a concrete cell so cold you cannot stay alive. Without means of ability to retain heat, and with genitals fully exposed to the frigid cold air, your body temperature is forcefully reduced until you die.

Some jail's medical staff videotapes the hypothermic deaths which result, and releases the tape to prove no wrong doing. But watching the video you cannot see temperature; there is no way to feel the cold from pictures, and the inmate dies of hypothermia right on camera. The local paper reports the inmate was suffering from depression, and was known to drink alcohol; medical staff performed CPR and released a videotape of the inmate showing no wrong doing on behalf of jail medical staff.

In 2008 in South Carolina prison inmate Jerome Laudman died of hypothermia after eleven days in the hole. In 2014 State Judge Baxley ruled against his state and ordered the state to pay millions and cease hypothermic torture killing the mentally ill. Governor Haley refused to stop the killing and appealed the case instead.

In 2006 when Jeb! Bush was governor of Florida he tortured an inmate to death in the hole with hypothermia in his hometown Miami/Dade jail. It was 100 degrees outside in hot Miami, but an inmate froze to death inside, the air conditioner thermostat having been set to murder. The Bush brothers each have one confirmed hypothermic kill.

In 2012, in Florida again, an inmate was locked in the hole permanently. He lost half his body weight and was rushed to the hospital with hypothermia. The hospital saved his life, and fed him food, only to be sent back to jail into the cold hole once again, and died of hypothermia complicated by starvation.

I am often asked if cold cells are designed only to torture you and not necessarily kill you. I answer the word torture only applies to those who survive. They are torturing you with death, the cold kills, and the minute your body temperature is forcibly reduced you are being killed.

In Lancaster, Ohio, in 2014, the local newspaper reported on a lawsuit filed by Attorney Edward Forman in regards to six juveniles tortured with hypothermic torture and the article quoted:

The lawsuit alleges that juveniles were repeatedly placed in solitary confinement for periods of up to 40 days with temperatures in the mid-50s in the holding cells. The lawsuit alleges the juveniles were frequently kept nearly naked without access to blankets, and as a result of this suffered symptoms of frostbite, including blisters and purplish-blue

skin on their fingers and toes. Juveniles also suffered symptoms of hypothermia, including uncontrollable shivering and chattering of teeth, dizziness, nausea, and confusion, the lawsuit contends.

Plaintiff's lawyer, Attorney Edward Forman, is quoted:

"These conditions were truly horrific," Forman said. "No human being should ever be subjected to conditions like this, and certainly not children. How can we ever expect to reform and help juvenile offenders when we treat them this way?"

## My story

How I came to find out about hypothermic cold cell torture was in 2006 when I was hunted down and thrown in jail and immediately locked in a cold cell for three days and shot with a gun and left to die. Who wanted to kill me and why is a long story, but here is the shortest possible version:

While commuting five hours a day to the 101<sup>st</sup> floor of 2 World Trade my wife ran off with the nanny's husband to South Carolina with my children. I left my employ a year before 9/11 and moved to Charleston, South Carolina so my children would have their father in their lives, and started my own practice doing insurance consulting for Fortune 50 companies. Business grew faster than I could handle and I hired several employees. My monthly billings were well into five figures.

My ex-wife falsely accused me of being \$13,000 behind in child support arrears, and I met with the prosecutor and proved I had overpaid my child support by \$11,000. He agreed, and so did the judge, but it took him eleven months to zero balance the falsely reported arrears, the judge eventually signed an order striking the arrears.

The problem is for those eleven months my name was in federal, state, and county databases as a mega-deadbeat dad, already entered as guilty. In South Carolina there is no due process for parents in family court, just on the word of one the other is instantly declared guilty, name entered into databases, and then a year later they get around to fixing the error.

Once your name enters the databases, more than a thousand financial destruction mechanisms go into effect. First your driver's license is cancelled, then your professional licenses are cancelled, so you have to lay off your employees and liquidate your business after your working capital is cut off, loans are called, credit cards are cancelled, vehicles seized, business credit destroyed, personal credit destroyed, incited IRS abuse, bank accounts cancelled, stocks intercepted, retirement funds seized, and finally revoking your ability to earn a living as you cannot get a job anywhere which requires your social security number, which is everywhere. My complete destruction was so rapid I did not have time or money to file for bankruptcy. I went from a multi-millionaire to being broke, homeless, \$300,000 in debt, no credit, and unemployable.

I was not too happy with the prosecutor and demanded recompense for my losses. I gathered evidence he was demanding oral sex from single mothers to prosecute their ex-husbands, as he eventually confessed in my case and others, and a subsequent family court judge ordered him, and his department, to settle my claims as to my destruction. This order ended up putting my life in jeopardy as the state social services department can never have such a large claim against them, so the prosecutor arranged a snap hearing with the hanging judge, who was eventually fired for his conspiracy in the mess and others, along with the prosecutor.

I was never even heard, just grabbed and hauled off to jail, without bothering to even take a mug shot; they locked me in an engineered cold cell for three days. I lost consciousness after nine hours of painful violent shivering, the other two days I was in a medical condition called hypothermic coma, the condition just before dying. During this 25 hour period over two days someone put a gun to my upper right quadrant of my stomach and pulled the trigger. The bullet ricocheted off my spine and came to rest in soft tissue in my right hip. I do not know who shot me as I was unconscious at the time, and no one is talking and the courts have protected them.

When I regained consciousness I was paralyzed from the waist down and the guards took me to the jail's hospital in a wheelchair where the medical staff refused to provide medical care claiming I refused medical care. They wanted me to sign some waiver form as they did not want a gunshot victim on their books and medical contract, but I could not grasp a pen and they would not give me my glasses so I could not see anything. I was sub-hypothermic and had been shot, and I was in no condition to turn down anything.

I begged them for help, but five nurses and a guard signed a refusal to treat witness form, the chief nurse signing it twice, and they lifted me out of the wheelchair and stripped me naked, wrapped a gown around me, laid me on the floor in the suicide watch cell, and waited for me to die. A dead inmate tells no tales and costs the least.

The story of how I survived severe hypothermia, gunshot, and denial of any health care or ambulance to the hospital cannot be told without credit to a high power, but I did survive, and I can walk thanks to surgery. And ever since I have been doing everything one citizen can do to make sure you never become me.

## **Stopping Torture**

I had to figure out a way to stop this torture, I had a civic duty to my fellow citizens, but no lawyer would help me, claiming all torture cases are instantly dismissed in the federal courts, a byproduct of the internal and many agreements as a result of protecting the CIA, FBI, DOJ, President Bush2 and buddies. It appears in hindsight President Obama's use of his special powers to dismiss all torture lawsuits was part of a larger and much broader understanding to protect perhaps thousands, no wonder President Bush2 never commented unkindly during President Obama's fine leadership.

I however, was compelled to do something to stop it, despite great odds, so I studied the law, and wrote and filed a federal lawsuit against South Carolina and Charleston for my many losses and to stop hypothermic torture. All my claims were dismissed because you cannot sue the government, all except my claim of torture in the sheriff's jail. The federal judge eventually dismissed the torture claim stating hypothermic torture does not exist further brutal hypothermic torture was not a violation of the Constitution, which no one will believe, not today, or never again. I appealed and lost, then went to the US Supreme Court with my one Constitution?" In March of 2011 the justices "denied" my petition which means they were not going to answer my question. The US Supreme Court would not stop citizens being brutally tortured.

I waited two years and filed a new federal lawsuit, this time in North Carolina where I lived; I did not want the corruption in Charleston again. The new federal judges refused to even respond to my lawsuit for two years, setting the record, eventually dismissing the case claiming nothing ever happened and I was fully consumed in conspiracy theories.

While this was going on I was collecting and compiling all the inmates I could find who died of hypothermia, and I posted a blog on the stories as they came in. Survivors would find the website and contact me, and I wrote down and posted their stories. Some live in mortal fear of the government, understandably.

In Google I found eight inmates who died of hypothermia, half after the federal judges, appeals court judges, and Supreme Court justices all repeatedly denied my multiple pleadings and denied petitions outlawing hypothermic torture, so all those victims subsequently murdered since would still be alive today instead of leaving these judges dripping in their blood.

Thankfully in 2014 the US Senate published their report on the CIA torture revealing horrid too graphically detailed administration of hypothermic torture and murder, including ice baths, and those they killed, ironically on the same day the Marshall

Project of New York City published their report on many of our own citizens tortured to death with hypothermia in our jails and prisons.

So now everyone knows about hypothermic torture, as the government told us repeatedly in horrid graphic detail, because prior to 2014 it was vehemently denied and all torture lawsuits dismissed.

I was forced to patiently and painfully wait for the government to torture to death more citizens with hypothermia until the death count of the dead rose to a certain level to allow me to take my next action. Using my two previously failed lawsuits as evidence of culpable homicides by the judges, along with evidence of eight murdered inmates, I typed up my third federal lawsuit and filed it in federal court.

This third lawsuit took a much different course than the first two. I clearly was in a proxy battle with the protect President Bush2 and buddies supermajority, and President Bush2 himself I suppose, but I had the advantage of Justice Scalia's death to remove the biggest obstacle to stopping the bloodshed. I filed my petition with the Supreme Court and shortly thereafter Justice Scalia died, before my petition was distributed to the remaining eight justices for a vote. I was facing an evenly divided court, four against torture and killing, four who favor more torture and killing.

Taking your lawsuit to the Supreme Court is a two step process; first you have to petition (ask) only one question on the Constitution. The justices then vote on whether they are going to answer your question or not. If they "deny" your petition they are not going to answer your question. The court is looking for questions relevant to all Americans and of particular national importance.

Below was my question, and statement of case found in my petition:

BARDES V. AULD (No. 15-983, see supremecourt.gov)

# **Constitutional Question Presented:**

Are citizens being brutally tortured with hypothermia until dead a violation of the Constitution? Are citizens being brutally tortured with hypothermia until almost dead a violation of the Constitution? Are citizens being brutally tortured with hypothermia a violation of the Constitution? Does the Constitution exist?

# Statement of the Case:

Why must stopping our beloved nation from brutally torturing and brutally torturing until dead, the citizens with slow brutal hypothermic torture be such a chore? United States Appeals Court Judges Wynn, Agee, and Floyd now join those before in continuing the ongoing murders of citizens.

Are not salaries being paid to prevent me from becoming a victim barely survived and having to do my civic duty by being here today? To stop it. Stop it.

We are doing ISIS like things to our own people, crucifixion is a hypothermic death, ask ISIS. Stop it.

Stop it. Please. Now.

## **Reasons for Granting the Petition and Conclusion:**

Perhaps never before has a more important Constitutional question been asked of the United States Supreme Court, as now the continued existence of our great nation as such lies in your answer or silence.

On a certain day most weeks the justices meet in person for a day of "conference" discussing cases and voting on petitions they are going to answer or not. My petition was distributed for such a conference vote on March 18, 2016. The official entry posted to the docket was "DISTRIBUTED for Conference of March 18, 2016."

Upon March 18<sup>th</sup>, whatever the justices discussed and voted, it resulted in the clerk completely removing from the docket the very entry which said it was to be voted upon on the 18<sup>th</sup>. The Supreme Court did not deny or approve my petition; they made the entry disappear from the docket forever. The following week a new entry appeared, stating "DISTRIBUTED for Conference of April 15, 2016." one month later. Apparently the justices needed more time.

Upon April 15<sup>th</sup>, the Supreme Court voted to deny my petition. But this was not all they did that day. According to SCOTUSblog the justices cancelled their entire day's normal routine and spent the whole day working on some necessary case.

I cannot prove this, but it seems they decided to internally communicate with the powers that be to discuss prolonging torturegate or not, and the result being a clarion call to no longer dismiss torture lawsuits, including ones of hypothermic torture.

Hours later a federal judge did not dismiss a lawsuit from the CIA hypothermic torture victims as was done many times before. The ACLU carefully timed their client's lawsuit and even apparently went to the farthest point away from Washington,

DC, to Seattle, Washington to file their suit. The ACLU lawyers sued the two creepy psychologists behind the hypothermic massacre, to avoid direct perpetrators and another instant dismissal I suppose.

In what shocked not just the legal community, but internationally, the first signs of accountability of those behind the hypothermic massacre will now play out during discovery. Perhaps the doctors will defend themselves saying they were on the phone twice a day with Vice President Dick Cheney. It seems the Supreme Court justices threw President Bush2 and buddies to the legal wolves, internationally too. It may get very ugly.

Then last week came news South Carolina has settled a class action lawsuit brought by a group of prison inmates protesting hypothermic torture killing the mentally ill, as was with their fellow inmate Jerome Laudman. The inmates won, and now a board is being directed to implement actions which stop the torture as well as other remedied problems.

South Carolina rarely yields to the federal government, but no longer with legal protections from the upper courts hypothermic torture will eventually come to an end nationwide, with most soon.

My goal of stopping hypothermic torture/homicide may be achieved shortly, but it seems there will be no justice for me, as I lost my lawsuit and have never been compensated for my losses and pain and suffering. But there will be justice for you and yours in never becoming me.

It has been a lonely and painful battle, reporters ran away faster than the lawyers, some who lagged behind and learned became pillars of salt with fear. All of the major news outlets know all about the above, even the New York Times, but nary a word.

Where are all the good people? Trembling in fear? Never fear or you will be left trembling in fear.

#### Legions of corruption

First there is specific corruption, then general corruption, followed by systemic corruption, and lastly there is "no one in charge." I would describe our governments as having no one in charge.

The man in charge of safekeeping federal government over spending was photographed half-naked in a posh-suite hot tub with a glass of wine saying welcome to Las Vegas at a taxpayer paid free vacation in casinos for hundreds disguised as an important meeting, while the Secret Service refuses to pay their prostitutes in the morning, and driving drunk around the white house during a bomb scare, after a fence jumper got deep inside the white house with a knife, a man with a homemade helicopter flew through highly restricted airspace and landed at Capitol Hill, our nation's most vital databases are safe behind Chinese firewalls, an army private downloaded most of the state department's database files and the software did not even detect the massive dump to stop it, the NSA using their mass surveillance databases to dig up dirt, and track, ex-girlfriends, the VA purposely slowing down medical care and wait listing veterans until they die, the DOJ selling machine guns to killers who killed us with them, all the way to the great hypothermic torture massacre and cover up becoming torturegate, all a confluence of continuous corruption of just about everyone. Self preservation, survival of the fittest, an employment contract of nobility, immunity from lawsuits, and most giving themselves six figure salaries for life; it is a free for all and there is no one in charge.

We may need to undergo a 100% replacement, save first responders and military, of all of our civil servants just to expel the legions of corruption which grows and flourishes unimpeded. We need to rewrite job descriptions using logic, common sense, and the principles of productivity.

All of our nation's processes involving judges and lawyers and law enforcement and jails and prisons have been an abject total and complete failure. The innocence projects have freed many thousands of innocents, mostly exonerated from DNA evidence, who spent decades in cold prisons, the number of innocents executed was up to 153 the last I checked. Most of the wrongful imprisonments and executions were caused by crimes committed by judges and lawyers during and before trials, and included law enforcement. Lawyers are even telling young people not to go into law; it is not the profession it once was. If even the lawyers are giving up, the time has matured for a period of reconstitution. It is time to put our heavy thinkers to work.

We need to "Re-Constitute" our nation, go back to the drawing board, start from scratch, we can do more good government stuff for more people, and stop doing the bad stuff, with very little administrative burden and waste, a fraction of today's. Perhaps every few hundred years we need to undertake such a period of reconstitution again. A bloodless revolution if you will, more of a mutual undertaking with calm heads prevailing. Your nation needs you. Do not wait for someone's permission to change your nation, just go ahead and change your nation. If I can do it so can you.

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