FL Governor Rick Scott:

Mike Carroll and John Bryant have reportedly covered up egregious atrocities that should have been reported and addressed – and if the allegations are true (as they appear to be), they should be fired and prosecuted for official misconduct! Please do something that you have yet to do since you took public office – hold these public officials accountable and stop the killing and abuse of those who can’t protect themselves!

I am asking the USDOJ to commence an investigation because the state has reportedly permitted the violation of patient’s civil rights which has led to deaths and abuse. Further, I am also asking the US Attorney in Tallahassee and the FBI to investigate because there is more than reasonable suspicion to believe federal crimes have occurred – and that they have been intentionally cover-up.

I am also calling on our Florida elected officials to watch the videos below and you will see that IMMEDIATE protective action is warranted. This will require the Florida Legislature to act. Without question – innocent lives remain at risk right now! Why don’t you folks (for the first time) put politics aside and move quickly working together to protect people who can’t protect themselves? ‘Tis the season, right?

Floridians know that you will not direct that FDLE investigate anything that will bring accountability back to you. Further, your Chief Inspector General has since 2007 proven herself worthless – a part of the corruption problem in Florida state government!! Melinda Miguel refuses to investigate when she is statutorily required to do so (if you want examples, we have the evidence) and she buries founded complaints to protect the state from accountability. And governors without integrity like you and ‘Empty Chair’ Charlie Crist have refused to act. Well, the killing and abuse must stop – in our mental hospitals and in our prisons. Any and all public officials who cover these crimes up should be fired and prosecuted!!

The Miami Herald deserves MAJOR credit for exposing the truth that FL DCF state officials tried very hard to cover-up. Similar crimes were exposed when FL DOC IG staff went public with what Beasley and Jones were reportedly covering up, only to be subjected to retaliation in an effort to discredit the
We have reported many problems to you during your tenure and each time you and your staff have buried the complaints. After you watch the videos - the problem speaks for itself. You and your appointed officials should be prosecuted; not because criminals have abused and killed innocent people, but because the outrageous carnage has been intentionally covered up. The public trust has been betrayed and you are responsible.

You came to public office with serious integrity problems hanging over your head. Your former FDLE Ex. Director, Gerald Bailey, publicly accused you of criminal behavior, which you laughed off. Only because Mr. Bailey didn't have the personal integrity to sign a criminal complaint against you and members of your staff with SAO Meggs - you are still the governor. Based on your conduct in public office thus far, the evidence shows us that you'll always be an integrity challenged person. Prove me wrong by holding these public officials accountable and acting to protect those who can't protect themselves.

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P.S. Maybe Marco Rubio can stop campaigning long enough to help innocent Floridians who are being killed and abused.

PUBLIC RECORD REQUEST: When was the first time these problems were brought to your attention, Gov. Scott? I'd like a copy of any and all records, in whatever form they exist, where FL DCF officials or others informed you of these problems. This would include any IG reports.

(Please watch these shocking videos)

For years, the state Legislature, the governor’s office and the agencies that oversee Florida’s mental hospitals ignored the chaos and continued cutting. Then state regulators hid the full extent of violence and neglect from the public. Florida has no statewide minimum staffing requirements. And there are virtually no repercussions for administrators, even when someone dies.

The state Department of Children and Families operates three of Florida’s primary mental hospitals. Three others are run by a private company, Correct Care Recovery Solutions, with DCF oversight. During an interview in early September, top DCF officials, including Secretary Mike Carroll, initially disputed that their hospitals were short-staffed and had seen an increase in violence. When reporters pointed out that DCF’s own numbers show a 45 percent increase in violent and other dangerous incidents since 2008, John Bryant, assistant secretary for substance abuse and mental health, shook his head, puzzled. “You know we track those numbers daily, weekly, monthly,” he said. “I’m a little incredulous about it because it’s something we pay attention to pretty closely.”

Since 2005, DCF administrators have steadily relaxed reporting requirements so that hospitals no longer need to disclose most patient injuries. The reports that have been filed are in such disarray that accurately comparing them over time is impossible. DCF administrators were unable to provide copies of dozens of incident reports for their mental facilities. DCF spokeswoman Michelle Glady first said records from three hospitals prior to 2011 had been lost. She later said the documents may never have been created because DCF did not have a standard reporting form until 2011. Still, the rising crisis at Florida mental hospitals has not been kept secret from DCF officials. DCF officials have not sounded the alarm in the Capitol or found ways to shift money from their $2.9 billion budget to hire more hospital workers.

The nation’s third-largest state — and one of its richest — now spends less per capita on forensic mental
hospitals than 42 others. It ranks 49th in total spending on all services for the mentally ill, according to
the National Association of State Mental Health Program Directors. “There’s nothing, absolutely nothing
for the mentally ill in Florida,” said Jacksonville psychiatrist Stephen Bloomfield, the former head of the
Florida Psychological Association. “It doesn’t even rise to the level where it can be judged against other
states.”
Florida’s mental hospitals once were required to file a report every time a patient was injured and needed
medical treatment. Each year, DCF compiled those reports and sent them to state lawmakers, who
control the agency’s budget. But over the past decade, DCF administrators have changed their own
reporting rules in ways that made the hospitals seem safer than they really were.