

FROM ABU GHRAIB TO MIAMI: FIGHTING PRISONER ABUSE

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Prisoner Humiliation

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Treatment



A detainee apparently abused at Abu Ghraib in 2003.



Prison and Jail Conditions in the U.S.

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Need Not Go to Iraq --- Inhumane Prisoner Treatment in Florida

Fla. Inmates Burned by Pepper Spray







Strip Searching of Females in Dade County Jail

- During the 1990s, there was a dramatic increase in the number of women arrested for misdemeanor offenses and held in the jail. Many of these women were victims of domestic violence and were being searched strip-searched.
- Policy was implemented in 1995 that required all female inmates to be strip-searched upon admission to the jail and upon transfer to other units.
- Sued in 1997 in federal court to end practice.
- Changed policy in 2000. Costed \$1 million.

Handling Prisoner Complaints by Amnesty Volunteers

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Most Effective Method of Handling Individual Complaints

- Complainant should be given attention
- Discuss the complaint and interfere with the complainant's representation
- Suggest that the complainant file a case bringing the complaint to the attention of the court and the relevant court personnel
- Suggest to advise the complainant down for hearing and that the complainant can be

Last Resort

- Controlling Justice
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