



27-Year-Old Transgender Inmate Moved to Youth Facility After Impregnating Two Female Inmates at Women's Prison

Description

USA: A transgender prisoner has been moved to a youth facility in New Jersey after impregnating two inmates at an adult women's prison.

Demi Minor, 27, is serving a 30 year sentence for manslaughter.

After impregnating two inmates at the Edna Mahan Correctional Facility for Women, Minor was moved to the Garden State Youth Correctional Facility last month, according to a report from NJ.com.

New Jersey has been allowing transgender inmates to choose to be housed with prisoners matching their "gender identity" thanks to a settlement agreement with the American Civil Liberties Union (ACLU) of New Jersey who previously sued over their policies. Per the agreement, the Department of Corrections had to keep the policy in place for one year — which ran out last month.

Dan Sperrazza, a DOC spokesman, told NJ.com that the department is still operating under the policy, but "is currently reviewing the policy for housing transgender incarcerated persons with the intention of implementing minor modifications."

Minor is now fighting to be moved back to a women's prison, as they are currently being housed with minor boys.

According to a blog post on the [Justice 4 Demi](#) website, Minor claims that "I was transferred to New Jersey State Prison, where guards continued to call me he and him....I was called he and him well over 30 times, this has not happened to me in years being referred to primarily as a man."

Minor claims that the DOC "violated my right to be safe and free from sexual harassment, by putting me in one of the most violent youth Correctional facilities. While living here at GYSC, I have found my self under attack by young inmates who are immature and just plain ignorant towards a person like me."

"I don't think DOC realizes the psychological damage that has been done from moving me out of a

womens prison to a male facility, its harsh and, I don't know what its like to live as a man, and In refuse to ever revert back to such habits or behavior," the blog post continued.

The post went on to complain that the prison does not have cable or LGBT groups.

"Mentally I have not been myself and I am losing my essence," Minor said. "The Demi, who wants to wear make-up and hangout with her friends is not permitted here. They have said that I can have my make-up but the truth is we know its a death wish, its literally going to cause more harassment. I have accepted that I am in a male facility but I have not accepted nor will I ever agree to or accept that I am anything other than a woman who happens to be transgender."

Minor will not be eligible for parole until 2037.

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