

I would like to submit the following comments:

I do not agree with PAIC Torres or DPAIC Escarcega's opinion that I could've contracted the TB from any individual or at any other location. I am not a person that frequents restaurants, bars or any other social gatherings for the obvious fear of this. Actually I am offended that they would opine this. When I was visited at the Hospital by PAIC Torres and DPAIC Escarcega I was asked if I knew what I had. PAIC Torres' first comment was " Is it TB, is it TB". I advised her that the doctors had advised me that they would not be certain about anything until further tests were performed and completed. Immediately after my positive diagnosis, she had a CA7 executed on my behalf. My question is, if she opined that I could've contracted TB from anyone or at any other location why did she have a CA7 executed?? These Forms are executed for work related injuries only. Did she already know something that no one of us knew?? I also feel that the entire sector was placed in jeopardy, a quick refresher course on communicable disease should've been given before the surge of detainees at the stations.

During the months of May 2014 thru July 2014 I spent as much time on the processing room floor as any other agent at the Laredo West Station. Sector staff and station management wanted a supervisor on the floor at all times to handle any issues that would arise and also to accept all buses scheduled to arrive from the Rio Grande Valley. The majority of issues we dealt with were hunger and sickness. Yes, many subjects were transported to the hospital for treatment and not diagnosed with active TB, but I myself was mis-diagnosed not just once but twice. There is no way of knowing if any subject sent to the hospital ER actually did or did not have active TB.

Not just my wife and nephew tested positive for TB but eventually my daughter and son as well. Shortly after being discharged from the hospital I began to feel numbness on my arms and my legs, I began to research the TB medications and these are some of the side effects of the medications that I was on. I requested from Nurse Dominguez to make a change to my medications but her answer would usually be to just grin and bear it, and to quit complaining. Alternative medications were too expensive.

Shortly thereafter I requested assistance from the South Texas Campaign Commander and the Laredo Sector Deputy in the form of a possible short term detail or reassignment to the Dallas area in order to seek better medical care for my condition, I had also made this request due to my concern for my son and his mental condition - my son had attempted suicide in 2013 and I feared that my condition and his positive test reading would drive him to relapse. This request was denied. It was then that in February in 2015 that my two

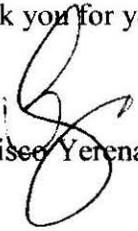
oldest sisters convince me to move to the Dallas area where I have been receiving much needed family support and better medical care.

If I may - I hope I have the attention of the Congressional Oversight Committee, the Commissioner and the as well the President as this document says that these comments will reach your desk.

It seems that the service, the US Border Patrol is more equipped to handle incidents resulting in tragic lost. They are not equipped or very hesitant to assist anyone with a need. Even after constantly preaching family values and the importance of family.

I feel that the service's policy on Suicide Prevention should be re-visted and possibly include family members of the Border Patrol Family.

Thank you for your time and attention


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