

## **Urgent Action Alert: Shaka Shakur Has Been Brutally Beaten– Make Calls Now!**

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Dear supporters of Shaka,

Shaka Shakur was abruptly transferred this past week by the Virginia Department of Corrections (VDOC) from the Green Rock Correctional Center to a different prison in Virginia, the River North Correctional Center. We do not yet know why nor has Shaka been able to communicate via email or prison calls with the outside world for the past week. Shaka's VDOC number is #1996207.

According to an eyewitness report by a prisoner at River North who saw Shaka shortly after his arrival to the facility, Shaka was severely bloodied all over his body and had serious head wounds. Shaka did not receive appropriate medical care, but was instead given a shower and a tetanus shot. Shaka has since been isolated, deprived of access to calls and emails in contrast to some of the other prisoners like this eyewitness who called Shaka's family to report the abuse.

We are asking all supporters of Shaka to make calls ASAP to the Watch Commander at River North Correctional Center. Additionally, calls should be made to Director Harold Clarke of the VDOC. Here is your script:

*"I am a friend of Shaka Shakur #1996207. His family received a credible report from an eyewitness who saw Shaka shortly after he was transferred to the River North Correctional Center. This eyewitness informed Shaka's family that Shaka had been severely beaten and was bloodied all over, including serious wounds to his head. Shaka reportedly did not receive appropriate medical care and has instead been isolated ever since, deprived of access to calls and emails with the outside world. We are demanding that prison officials take action immediately, guaranteeing appropriate medical care for Shaka and allowing him to communicate with family and supporters. We also demand that this abuse be professionally documented and that responsible VDOC staff be punished."*

### **Contact Info:**

Watch Commander at River North Correctional Center

Ph: 276-773-2518 press 0 then ask the operator for the Watch Commander

VDOC Director Harold Clarke

Ph: 804-674-3000 press 0 then ask for Director Clarke