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ATTENTION: ASSIGNMENT EDITORS

AFTER TWO 'SUICIDES' IN FOUR DAYS AND AS COURT CONSIDERS SECRET LIST OF #300PROBLEMATIC DEPUTIES JAIL REFORM ADVOCATES URGE BOARD OF SUPERVISORS TO GIVE NEW CIVILIAN OVERSIGHT COMMISSION SUBPOENA POWER

Activists say jails are still in violation of DOJ mental health mandates

WHAT: After voicing support for **Los Angeles County Sheriff Jim McDonnell** in his quest to send prosecutors the names of **300 deputies** found to have committed serious misconduct on the job—jail reform advocates, including **Dignity and Power Now** and the **ACLU of Southern California**, will hold a press conference in front of Twin Towers Correctional Facility on Fri., Mar. 10 to call on the Los Angeles County Board of Supervisors to give the its new 9-member civilian oversight commission for the Los Angeles County Sheriff's Department subpoena powers and not include any law enforcement officers as members—including members of the **sheriff's department's union**.

The group says the jail continues to be in violation of **Department of Justice's mental health mandates** including consistently observing inmate that are considered high-risk. DPN say that an inside source just confirmed two "suicides" in the span of four days.

“Being in violation of the DOJ doesn’t mean anything anymore with the appointment of Jeff Session as Attorney General,” **said DPN founder Patrisse Cullors**. “Subpoena power is people power and it is necessary to get to the truth. We need independent oversight and we need it now. To quote Inspector General Max Huntsman, ‘without full access, I do not think this will succeed.’”

WHO: Dignity and Power Now
ACLU SoCal
Criminal defense attorneys
Jail reform activists and former inmates

WHEN: Friday, March 10, 2017
11AM

WHERE: Twin Towers Correctional Facility
450 N. Bauchet Street, Los Angeles 90012 (Map)
In front of facility

SOCIAL MEDIA: @powerdignity, #300Problematic

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