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CLEVELAND, Ohio -- A blistering story published on Wednesday, Nov. 21 by the Cleveland Plain Dealer Newspaper, Ohio's largest newspaper, at its online venue at Cleveland.com

, describes the Cuyahoga County Jail in Cleveland, Ohio, where seven inmates have died in recent months, as rat and roach infested and a despicable place where inmates are denied basic food, water and health care and are repeatedly intimidated by a paramilitary group dubbed the "Men in Black," activity initiated by jail administrators and sanctioned by Cuyahoga County Executive Armond Budish. The article, by Cleveland.com reporter Cory Shaffer, is as follows:

CLEVELAND, Ohio -- Cuyahoga County fails to provide jail inmates with the basic necessities they to need live. It withholds food and water and doesn't provide medical and mental health care for inmates, according to a blistering report released Wednesday by the U.S. Marshals.

The report says that the inmates' constitutional rights are routinely violated.

The report offers a clear picture of a jail rife with deplorable conditions, described by marshals' investigators as inhumane.

The jail investigation comes after the deaths of seven inmates between June 10 and Oct. 2. Cleveland.com learned of the seventh death during some two months of investigating the jail. Three of those inmates committed suicide. Fifty-five other inmates tried to take their own lives within the past year, the marshals found.

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The county doesn't investigate what led to the deaths, the report says.

Among the findings in the 52-page report made public Wednesday:

- Warden Eric Ivey withholds food as punishment and inmates aren't fed properly.
- Jail staff shut off water to toilets and sinks.
- Pregnant women are forced to sleep on mats on the floor.
- Vermin infest the kitchen.
- Inmates sometimes are denied toilet paper and toothbrushes.
- Officers decked out in paramilitary gear routinely threaten inmates until they fear for their lives, going so far as to call some prisoners snitches in front of other prisoners.... **Read the full article** at [Cleveland.com](#)

[Clevelandurbannews.com](#) and [Kathywraycolemanonlinenewsblog.com](#) , Ohio's most read Black digital newspaper and Black blog with some 5 million views on Google Plus alone. Tel: (216) 659-0473 and Email: editor@clevelandurbannews.com. Kathy Wray Coleman, editor-in-chief, and who trained for 17 years at the Call and Post Newspaper in Cleveland, Ohio. We interviewed former president Barack Obama one-on-one when he was campaigning for president. As to the Obama interview, [CLICK HERE TO READ THE ENTIRE ARTICLE AT CLEVELAND URBAN NEWS.COM.](#)

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