

# T.I.P. Journal



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**I want to wish you all a very Merry Christmas !**

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Please try to write neatly when asking about the newsletter as there are many that I am unable to read. I can only send to your 'real' name. I receive too many returns that we cannot afford.

I am aware that spending Christmas while being in the D.O.C.'s system is not the ideal way to find joy at this time of the year and that for many of you it will be a very difficult time. My heart and prayers sincerely go out to each and all of you especially at this time of year as I try to put just a little more time and energy into getting the T.I.P. Journal out for you all as I know that for many that this may be the only Christmas greeting that you may receive.

This past year is the 4th year that I have been honored to be able to provide you all with the T.I.P. Journal and I hope to be able to continue to do so for many more in the near and far future! I was not able to provide you all with a summer issue this year due to a tragedy within my personal life and I'm very sorry about that.

As the list for those who request the T.I.P. Journal so do the letters that I receive, many with heart felt thanks and a few with complaints. The complaints usually just get deleted and all other letters get saved where I now have a collection of thousand of letters that are sent to me and I really do try to answer as many as I can but am mostly only able to do so with those that include a S.A.S.E. due to the high cost of being able to continue this very important outreach. Yesterday I sent out over 25 'form' letters that I recompose every year but always include a hand written message in each and every one.

Please continue to keep in mind the change of address for the T.I.P. Journal which is:

T.I.P. Journal  
P.O. Box 404  
Kittredge, Colorado 80457

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## Subscription Information

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There are ways to get many of the past issues of the TIP Journal but because of the time involved in getting an old one printed I'll have to ask for a fee but even better yet! If you know someone on the 'outside' with an access to a computer they can look at and download them at;

Gicofcolo.org

Go 7 over at the top of the page to;

'News and updates'

Then towards the top on the bottom right hand corner click on; 'read the GIC TIP Journal'

## About the Tip Journal

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Teeg TG Spirit

The TIP journal is published quarterly by the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, Inc. The views and opinions expressed in the GIC TIP Journal are those of the authors alone and do not necessarily represent the views and opinions or the official policy of the Gender Identity Center of Colorado, it's board, officers or staff, or that of the Tip Journal and it's editors.

### Submission Guidelines

In the past we use to publish pomes and articles that were sent to the T.I.P. Journal but since the rise in cost along with the increase in the demand for this journal we no longer have the space to do so. This is my 3rd year in publishing this Journal and from all the feedback that I do receive the overwhelming majority want news relating to what is happening to transgender community within other prisons and what is happening outside that may be either prison or police related. I need to write and report what the majority of you would like to read so although I have not the room in here for these please feel free to continue to send them as I enjoy reading and hearing from you all. Teeg

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## Jacksonville Florida

Michael Maier had a sex change several years ago and became a woman. She is now suing the city of Jacksonville, claiming she was denied needed hormone treatment while in jail.

I was placed into a solitary confinement cell," Maier said. "Not given any medication because I'm a post-op transgendered person."

Maier was arrested on charges of driving without a license and resisting arrest without violence. She said she had a valid driver license at the time and the State of Florida wrongly canceled it. Documents from the state show the Department of Motor Vehicles admitted Maier was not supposed to have lost her license.

Now, she's suing for what she said was improper medical care to deal with the transgender surgery that she underwent years ago.

"They refused to even give me my hormone shots," Maier said.

Maier said the hormone shots and other treatments are critical to sustain the surgical procedure and keep her a woman.

"They basically let me languish there for five days where I went through pure hell," Maier said. "I was totally ignored. They wouldn't help me out at all."

Prior to the lawsuit, Maier asked for a settlement of \$200,000. The city rejected that dollar amount writing, "This case has a value in the hundreds of dollars, not hundreds of thousands of dollars."

In the city's motion to dismiss the lawsuit, it said Maier answered no to the following questions: "Do you have a medical problem that requires immediate medical attention?" "Are you now under treatment or taking medications?" And, "Do you suffer from any other medical condition for which a physician is seeing you?"

Maier was still critical of the jail treatment. She said the reason for the lawsuit is to make sure this doesn't happen to any other transgender person.

"I think that every detention center or jail should have, No. 1, the proper training in regards to how to treat a transgendered person," Maier said.

Maier also said she hoped the suit will help her pay to have corrective surgery.

She has been representing herself in the lawsuit so far and on Sunday was still looking for a lawyer.

This is a continuation from page #8 just found it today!

- Top surgery: Breast implants (for m2f) or mastectomy (for f2m).

Bottom surgery: more properly known as "SRS" or sex-reassignment surgery, this is the genital reconstructive surgery that MIGHT be part of somebody's transition. And while we're on the subject of surgery, keep in mind that these are private medical matters. You wouldn't feel entitled to all the gory details of a stranger's gall bladder operation, would you? Some people like sharing personal details like that. Others feel it's invasive. Try to be sensitive to this when and if you express your curiosity.

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Suite 1300  
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Suite 1008  
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Prison Pen Pals  
P.O. Box 235  
East Berlin, PA. 17136-0235

Write A Prisoner .com  
P.O. Box 10  
Edgewater, FL. 32132

Prisoner Writes  
P.O. Box 78  
MT. Holly springs, PA. 17065

Partnership for Safety and Justice  
P.O. Box 40085  
Portland, OR 97240-0085

American Civil Liberties Union  
Lesbian, Gay, Bisexual & Aids Project  
125 Broad Street, 18th Floor  
New York, NY 10004

Just Detention International  
3325 Wilshire Blvd.  
Suite#340  
Los Angeles, CA 90010

East coast Office  
1025 Vermont Ave. N.W. Third Floor  
Washington, DC 20005

The N.I.C. Project  
C/O/ Jamie M. Yarussi  
The Washington College of Law  
4801 Massachusetts Ave. N.W.  
Washington, DC 20016

‘A project addressing prison rape’

Innocence Project (National)  
C/O the Benjamin N. Cardozo School of Law  
100 Fifth Ave, 3rd Floor  
New York, N.Y. 10011

Only handles cases where post—conviction DNA  
Testing of evidence can yield conclusive evidence of  
innocence.

Compals Inmate connections L.C.C.  
465 N.E. 181 #308  
Portland, OR. 97230

The above are some of the resources that may be of help to you including the some for a pen pal service which we do not supply. I cannot forward any pen pal letters or begin a service here. These are services that I was able to find and hope that you who seek this find them helpful. As I receive this information I read them before putting them in here and because of space I cannot put all that they do into an issue as some are multi pages long and there is not enough space in the T.I.P. Journal to add all their services. If the organization is not listed in here then it is likely I do not have any personal knowledge of it so when I receive some of the many letters which I receive every month I am simply overwhelmed. I try to answer as many of them as I can and those that include a S.A.S.E. have the best chance. Try to remember that this is basically a one woman operation and I do read and save each and every letter that I receive. Thank you all for your wonderful support and keep your letters of encouragement coming!

Transgender inmates at Montgomery County Prison are afforded protection and kept out of the general prison population for their own safety, according to a prison official. But even if a biological man identifies as a woman, she is still housed with male inmates.

A 40-year-old defendant accused of stabbing her boyfriend to death in a Norristown apartment Aug. 13, was born Tyrone Crawley, but considers herself Asia Santana, a woman. Currently, Santana is being held in the maximum security section of the county lock-up.

“It’s not something we deal with that often,” said Deputy Warden Dennis J. Molyneaux. “A couple of times a year.”

But a transgender prisoner’s appearance is one criteria for segregating them at the Eagleville facility to avoid a possible assault. In the prison vernacular it’s called “administrative segregation/protection.”

“You wouldn’t want a male resembling a female in the male section (of the general population),” he said.

Other inmates routinely separated from the general population include juvenile inmates committed as adults, victims of violent crimes, prisoners with adjustment problems, those awaiting investigations and criminal codefendants.

“Though they’re segregated, they have all the rights and privileges as anyone in general population,” Molyneaux said.

As with all inmates entering the county prison, Santana underwent a medical screening before being assigned a cell. And though the defendant is referred to by her brother as “she,” in the lock-up Santana’s sex is considered male.

“It’s exclusively based on a person’s genitalia,” he said.

Santana, who allegedly admitted to the stabbing inside a Moore Street apartment, was placed in the facility’s maximum security section because of the seriousness of the charges against her.

In that section, inmates are housed in a cell of their own and considered “a high security risk,” Molyneaux said. The prisoners get two recreation periods each day. Though these inmates are not supposed to mix, sometimes that occurs.

“They shouldn’t be mixing with other people, (but) whenever we’re overcrowded, sometimes that happens,” he said.

That also includes the maximum security inmates mingling during recreational periods; however, groups of eight prisoners are accompanied by two corrections officers for safety reasons.

After a Times Herald’s reader alerted the Gay and Lesbian Alliance Against Defamation (glaad.org) to an article written about Santana, the group’s media field strategist, Justin Ward, called a reporter to say the defendant should be referred to as “she” not “he.” And, the word “transgendered” should be replaced with “transgender.”

“The correct way to refer to a transgender person is by their chosen name,” Ward said. “This person understands himself to be a woman.”

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Ward said many reporters confuse the issue and recent Associated Press style rules should compel publications to change their past errors in print and online.

“I know we’re talking about a terrible crime, but you should afford her respect like anyone else,” he said.

A preliminary hearing for Santana is scheduled for Oct. 15 in District Justice Margaret Hunsicker’s court in Norristown.

A New York City correction officer was arrested and charged on Thursday with forcing a transgender inmate to engage in a sex act with him at a Manhattan jail.

The victim, a 23-year-old transgender woman, was an inmate in a male housing unit at the Manhattan Detention Complex near City Hall, where she was being held on a parole violation, when the attack took place in September 2009.

According to a suit filed against the city last month, the woman said the correction officer, Roberto Morales, 40, groped and sexually harassed her several times over the course of about a month.

Her lawyer, Ilann M. Maazel, said in an interview that the woman had undergone hormone therapy but had not had gender reassignment surgery. In one instance, the lawyer said, Officer Morales was escorting the woman from a clinic when he pushed her into a stairwell and forced himself on her. A rape kit found DNA implicating the officer in the attack, he said.

Officer Morales was charged with committing a criminal sexual act — a felony — and harassment and suspended from his job, where he earns about \$74,000 a year, the city’s Department of Investigation said. A 13-year veteran of the Correction Department, he faces up to four years in prison himself if convicted of the felony charge. His lawyer could not be immediately reached for comment.

Mr. Maazel said his client’s case was representative of the daily harassment faced by transgender inmates.

According to a complaint filed in court, the victim had filed a grievance with the Correction Department about a month before the stairwell attack took place, complaining that Officer Morales had repeatedly harassed her.

In her suit against the city, the woman alleged that she was also assaulted earlier in the summer of 2009 when — as an inmate at Rikers Island — she was taken to the prison ward of a hospital for treatment. In that incident, a nurse forced her to perform oral sex on him in her hospital room, the suit contends. The nurse, Carl Wiley, later pleaded guilty to committing a criminal sexual act.

“This is just a case of complete and utter indifference to a transgender woman,” Mr. Maazel said. The woman is no longer in jail. The lawyer said the suit also objected to the Correction Department’s lack of a policy for placing transgender men and women. Officials with the correction department could not be reached.

Sooo I have this little space left over so I really need to use it to once again remind you that I still receive many letters form new people who request the journal that have either incomplete address, using ‘female, names or I just cannot read. Please take the time to print your requests.

This change of address will take awhile to get around to all the different organizations that are kind enough to publish information about receiving in their resources as many only update their information once a year. Till this gets done I'll continue to include this on the front page of the T.I.P. Journal with the hope that may be even some of you can get the word out about it because I not too sure how long they will hold my letters at the old mailing address.

Sometimes I will receive some very upsetting and even angry letters form people who are of-fended by the use of the pronouns that are within the articles that I come across to put into the journal and on many levels I understand that. I myself am a post-op woman and work very hard to try to make it more excepting for transgender people in the world. I cut and paste what I find as they are written and do not make any changes to the wording that is used. I hope that most of you are able to take this in stride and to be able to take from it that although there has been many positive changes in the acceptance of transgender people that there is and probably always will be room for improvement.

Most of the articles that I am able to obtain for the Journal I find on the internet or in some cases they are sent to be by some of the organizations that I am connected with or by some of my personal friends in the community. I know that in the past when Jessie began this news letter that she was able to find a lot of 'case law' that she included within these pages but back when this was first began there were only about 45 the first year and maybe 65 the second year that even received the Journal. Now I have close to 600 and it continues to grow so by all the feedback I receive and how difficult it continues to be to find articles that have to do with transgender/prison related articles I include what I am able to find with the hopes that it may help others that are in all the different D.O.C.'s all over the United States. If I were to print 'case law' president that one person were to help change for one state then most likely it would not affect the other 49 anyway.

I'll continue to try to find new and interesting ways to change up the Journal for 2011 but again; because of the amount of mail that I receive and the rising number of requests to receive this I am not able to include any of the many letters or poetry that I receive that people ask me to print in here. I do however very much enjoy all the letters that you send and read and save each and every one of them so please continue to send them and if I'm able I'll try to respond to some, especially those that include a S.A.S.E. If any of you ever have any extra stamps then please send them knowing that I'll use them to try to answer the many requests that I receive who cannot afford or just don't include a S.A.S.E.

In closing; I again hope that you are all able to find some kind of Holiday spirit under the of-ten terrible conditions which you find yourselves this season and just 'know' that myself and many other people and large organizations are thinking of you this Christmas. Goddess bless you each all!

Stories of people exploring gender boundaries have been increasingly popular in the media over the past few years. From reality TV to hometown politics, trans folks are on the public radar. From this media outpouring you may have noticed that there's a whole alphabet soup of lingo related to gender bending. You may also have scratched your head wondering what the heck some of the jargon means, or which term properly describes your feminine coworker who enjoys dressing as a woman at your office holiday parties. To settle your confusion, I've compiled a glossary of terms to help you keep up when you find yourself in a conversation about gender bending.

- Cisgender: what you are if the body you were born with and your gender presentation (clothes, mannerisms, etc) are aligned. In science something is "cis" if it stays the same and "trans" if it changes state.
- Transgender: an umbrella term covering everyone who doesn't fit into the (rather small, if you think about it) cisgender box. This includes all of the below terms.
- Transsexual: a person who feels that their mental gender and physical bodies are mismatched, and who has taken medical and/or legal steps to transition from one gender to another. (There's a small but *very* vocal minority of transwomen who object to being included in the "transgender" umbrella. This just goes to show that humans are political creatures at every level.)
- Crossdresser: a guy who dresses in women's clothing. "Crossdresser" is considered more polite in the US than the older term "transvestite" as the latter is supposedly more indicative of a sexual fetish. But I hear that in the UK the opposite is true. And of course there are some crossdressers who **do** have a sexual fetish.
- Genderqueer: a person whose gender presentation is deliberately androgynous or ambiguous.

Intersex: a person whose bodily characteristics put them somewhere between "male" and "female". Depending on which conditions are counted this may be as common as 1 in every 100 people.

- F2M, FtM: a person who was born a female but transitions to a male.
- M2F, MtF: a person who was born a male but transitions to a female.
- Transition: the often long and complicated process of legally & medically transitioning from one gender to another. This can but doesn't always include surgeries!
- Drag queen: (usually) a gay man who may be feminine in everyday life, but for whom the female persona is (usually) a stage act.
- Drag king: the (usually) lesbian counterpart of a drag queen
- Boi: often used in both lesbian and bdsm culture to denote a boyish but female-bodied person. Sometimes also used to refer to young gay guys.
- GGirl: genetic girl, i.e. cisgender girl. "Cisgender" is the preferred term.
- Gurl: used to distinguish m2f crossdressers from cisgender girls. Nowadays most crossdressers prefer the term "tgirl"
- Tranny, shemale, ladyboy: these are mainly considered porn words, though there are a few people who are trying to reclaim them (along the lines of slut and queer.)

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