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The State of California is responsible for the abuse and neglect of children in LA County's youth jail system. There are human rights violations taking place in these youth jails. 37% of the young people trapped in these dungeons are Black children. Only 8% of LA's population is Black youth. This is a form of racialized discrimination and abuse. These statistics are nothing new. Allowing the conditions that currently exist in LA County's youth jails is a form of racial discrimination and abuse and a very clear example of Black Lives not mattering to this state. I'll be sharing some of the conditions experienced by one of these young people. This child was placed into foster care at birth. After experiencing abuse and neglect also at the hands of the State in the foster care system he ended up in the youth jails. At 15 years old his adoptive mother passed away while he was in jail. He was brought by LA County probation to his mother's funeral in jail clothes and HANDCUFFS. He was kept in jail clothes and HANDCUFFS throughout the funeral. The justification provided by LA County probation was that they did not trust the Black community at the funeral. This was a racial harm caused by probation and the State of California that was never repaired. In the youth jails this young person has reported lights that stay on in cells overnight. Bodily fluids that are permanently stuck on the walls. Invasion of bodily privacy. Food that made him sick. Chronic trauma and anxiety. The State of California is responsible for the racialized abuse and neglect of the children in LA County's youth jails. It continues today and the State of California is responsible for repair and reparation.

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