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My son Seth has diagnosed CPT2 Deficiency, which is a genetic deficiency in his mitochondria. In 2018, Seth was being treated by psychiatrist Dr. Y Pritham Raj, at Adventist Health, for depression. Dr. Raj did Transcranial Mental Stimulation (TMS) on Seth in late August to early September of 2018, with a NeuroStar Advanced Therapy machine, which he hope to get Adventist Health to purchase. Unbeknown to us at that time, TMS targets the mitochondria in the brain. Seth became very psychotic, hearing loud voices all of the time, and could not sleep. Dr. Raj then had Seth sent to Unity Hospital, where he was put on a lot of medication he had never been on before, which did not help. Dr. Y Pritham Raj refused to do any follow up care for the condition he induced in Seth, despite many months of me calling to request his help. I was eventually told to stop calling.

I finally got Seth back to Unity again. I told the psychiatrist there that Seth was never like this before the TMS. He told me that TMS was experimental, and he did not believe it did anything to, or for, anyone!

On June 26, 2019, Seth accidentally started a fire in the basement of our home, while I was gone. He tried to put it out, and carried items away from the fire. This is in the Gresham Fire Report. When that failed, he went to the home of our new next door neighbors, who had, coincidentally, moved in the day Seth had his first TMS treatment. Seth put a small amount of a chainsaw gas/oil mixture into an old Pepsi bottle, with a rag, which he lit, and threw onto the cement in front of their metal garage door. Seth had always been suspicious about his perplexing problems which had developed just when they moved in. Seth has said he recalls, as if it were a dream, that he wanted to send a message that he knew they were causing his new problems. Seth then got into my garaged Jetta to drive to our Fire Department, because he could not find his phone in the smoke. The police stopped him on the way.

After 16 months in jail, 60 days of which was at OSH, Seth was charged with Arson 1, Arson 2, Criminal Mischief 2, Failure to perform the duties of a driver, Reckless driving, and 4 counts of recklessly endangering another. Seth was talked into pleading GEI, which I thought was a bad plan, but it wasn't up to me. So, Seth ended up under the PSRB, with two 20 year sentences.

People charged with crimes who have any history of mental illness, can plead GEI. They are talked into doing so, and most at the facility Seth is at, regret doing it. This is something my son discovered as he slowly recovered from the TMS treatments,

and got back to normal. A 'selling' feature of GEI pleas is that when you are no longer demonstrating signs of mental illness, you will be released. In fact this is absolutely untrue. My son Seth, has had virtually no signs of his psychosis for well over two years. His last hearing had one person on the Board fretting over whether Seth might drink again. I found that weird because no drugs or alcohol were found in Seth's system at the time of his arrest.

The PSRB also is an advocate of overmedicating long term, with some serious antipsychotics like Zyprexa, (Olanzapine) which is intended for short term use. As a result, many of the residents end up with diabetes, and other long term side effects. My son has serious problems with their forced medication regimen. If you don't take your medications, you are sent back to OSH.

Housing is a huge problem for the PSRB because they hold onto people far too long, to 'mitigate risk'. Seth has been held at a Secure Residential Facility in Umatilla, for the past 3 years, 2+ mos. I went to great lengths to have our home rebuilt so he could come home to Independent living, even under the PSRB. There is no place else available for him to go to! Seth has another PSRB Hearing scheduled for April 30th. Seth is completely compliant, and non violent. Yet we are both being told it isn't likely he will be able to come home.