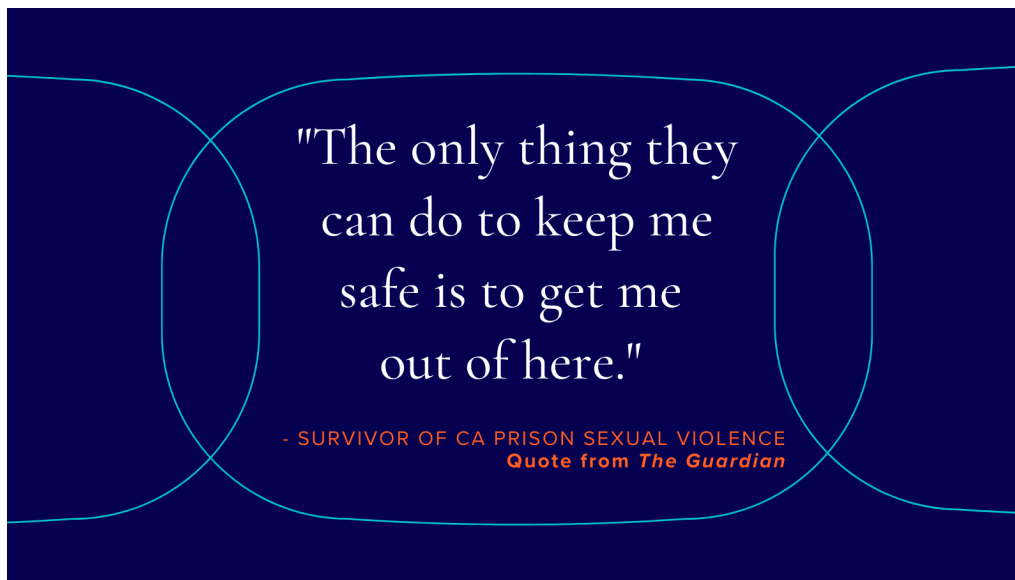


Stop CDCR Sexual Abuse - Advocacy Toolkit



TAKE ACTION TO SUPPORT INCARCERATED SURVIVORS!

The Guardian published a series of [investigative reports](#) by Sam Levin that documents the crisis of sexual assault in California prisons ([part 1](#), [part 2](#), [part 3](#)).
Systemic sexual violence exists in prisons across the U.S.

Sexual violence at the hands of prison guards is institutional, horrifying, and an inherent part of prison systems and culture.

How to Help

1. [Post on social media!](#)

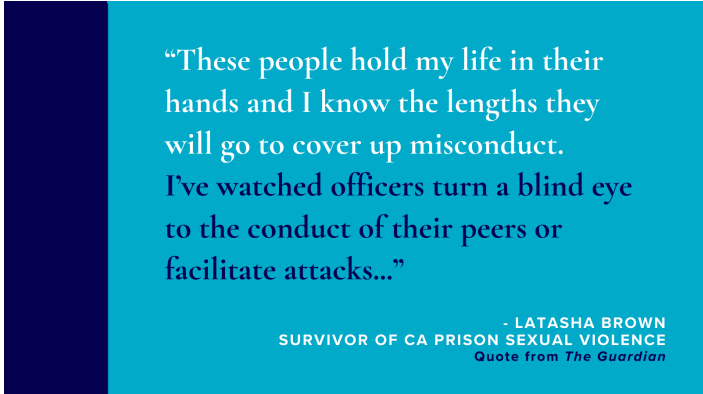
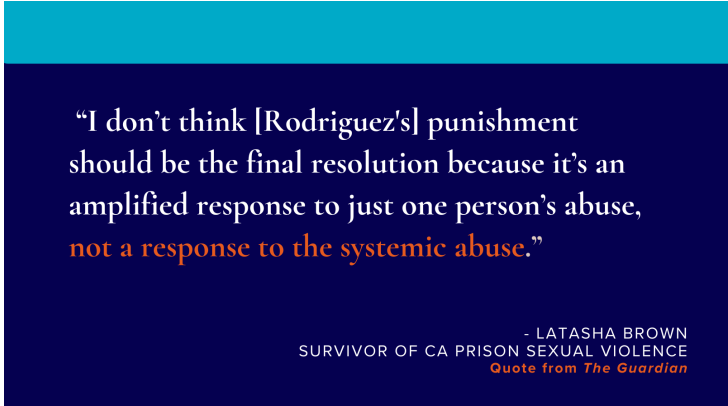
Use **sample posts/graphics below** & the short link to the article: bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2.
Use hashtags: #StopCDCRSexualAbuse #SurvivorSolidarity #ReleaseSurvivors

2. [Sign on to this letter urging CDCr to end sexual violence in prisons.](#)

Sign on as individuals and organizations to support survivors:

- Read [this letter](#).
- Complete [the form](#) to sign on as an organization. For individuals, enter "individual" under organization and when asked if you have authority to sign on behalf of an organization, select "no".

Graphics featuring quotes from article & sample posts:

Sample Post	Graphic
Survivors of sexual assault by prison guards @CACorrections say it's not a "one bad apple" issue. Sexual abuse in prisons is widespread and systemic. #StopCDCRSexualAbuse #ReleaseSurvivors bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	 "They say it's one bad apple, but it's not. The abuse of prisoners is widespread but has largely gone unacknowledged." - LATASHA BROWN SURVIVOR OF CA PRISON SEXUAL VIOLENCE Quote from <i>The Guardian</i> download
"These people hold my life in their hands and I know the lengths they will go to cover up misconduct." -Tasha Brown, survivor of CDCR sexual assault #StopCDCRSexualAbuse #ReleaseSurvivors bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	 "These people hold my life in their hands and I know the lengths they will go to cover up misconduct. I've watched officers turn a blind eye to the conduct of their peers or facilitate attacks..." - LATASHA BROWN SURVIVOR OF CA PRISON SEXUAL VIOLENCE Quote from <i>The Guardian</i> download
One prison guard was empowered to sexually assault incarcerated women for nearly a decade at CCWF. In the meantime, survivors were isolated & further punished. #ReleaseSurvivors #CaliforniaModel @guardian bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	 "I don't think [Rodriguez's] punishment should be the final resolution because it's an amplified response to just one person's abuse, not a response to the systemic abuse." - LATASHA BROWN SURVIVOR OF CA PRISON SEXUAL VIOLENCE Quote from <i>The Guardian</i> download

Survivors face pressure to stay silent “living with the stress of potentially lengthened sentences or #SolitaryConfinement.” @guardian #ReleaseSurvivors #StopCDCRSexualAbuse bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	“Abuse is so widespread it can feel inescapable and ordinary, women said, noting that they face immense pressure to stay silent, living with the stress of potentially lengthened sentences or solitary confinement if staff retaliate.” - SAM LEVIN, THE GUARDIAN download
Survivors of #SexualAssault in CA prisons say the only way to keep victims safe is for them to be released from prison. #ReleaseSurvivors #SurvivorSolidarity #MeToo bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	“The only thing they could really do to keep me safe is to get me out of here. We can’t defend ourselves in here, because who is going to listen to us? We’re a number in here. We’re not treated like people. I just want to get home to my kids.” - SURVIVOR OF CA PRISON SEXUAL VIOLENCE Quote from <i>The Guardian</i> download
Survivors of #SexualAssault in CA prisons say safety = freedom. #ReleaseSurvivors #SurvivorSolidarity #MeToo bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2	“The only thing they can do to keep me safe is to get me out of here.” - SURVIVOR OF CA PRISON SEXUAL VIOLENCE Quote from <i>The Guardian</i>

Additional sample Tweets and Instagram posts:

- One officer alone abused more than 1% of the population at #CCWF for longer than a decade. But it doesn’t end there – hundreds of allegations & evidence against officers have been made public since 2019 #StopCDCRSexualAbuse #ReleaseSurvivors bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2
- Prisons use sexual violence to maintain power & control. That’s why officers have assaulted people in prisons for as long as they’ve existed. Ending prison sexual violence requires dismantling the system itself. #StopCDCRSexualAbuse #SurvivorSolidarity bit.ly/cdcr-abuse2

- Sexual violence in prison has no escape. Survivors are completely trapped & vulnerable to abuse at all times. We must address the institutional structure of prison that promotes sexual violence & traumatizes all incarcerated people. #ReleaseSurvivors
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