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Solitary confinement is considered a torture. Facing public indifference, people in Wisconsin prisons are refusing food as the last resort to expose this abusive practice.

MILWAUKEE, WIS. – April 18, 2019 –Help Milwaukee IWOC to support UHURU (Norman Green) and Cesar de Leon and his family in their desperate fight against the overuse of solitary confinement in Wisconsin.

Solitary confinement is proven to be so damaging to physical and mental health that scientists and politicians compare it to torture and speak against its use.

UHURU (Norman Green), who has served 22 years non-stop in administrative/solitary confinement at Waupun Correctional Institution without a single violent charge or allegation being placed against him, has announced hunger strike demanding an end to solitary confinement and human rights abuse. Not a violent or disruptive person, he has filed restraining order to ensure due process is followed before force feeding is used.

Meanwhile, Cesar de Leon, who had to interrupt his previous hunger strike, has been placed again into administrative/solitary confinement and is likely to be transferred from Racine to Boscobel. This would move him at over 4-hour drive from his family and impose an unnecessary hardship. Karina Diaz de Leon, Cesar's family member, described his condition that lead him to end the hunger strike: "his life is in danger. He needs medical attention. He is very sick. He will be transferred to the hospital. He can't even talk."

Cesar de Leon is refusing food and water because of this new transfer order, and will stop the hunger strike as soon as there is guarantee he's not being sent to Boscobel. He is also asking to be allowed to speak with the new DOC secretary about the mind control program he was subjected to in 2014 which, in his words, "largely contributed to doing what I did."

Learn more about Uhuru's fight against this practice here <https://solitarytorture.blogspot.com/2018/09/uhuru.html>. Support Cesar de Leon and prevent unnecessary hardship for his family, by calling Racine Correctional Institution at 262-886-3214, extension 2235, and ask that he stays in Racine or is transferred to Waupun or Green Bay as closer facilities. Follow the script here, <https://wisconsinprisonvoices.org/inst/medium/racine/phone-zap-fight-transfer-of-cesar-de-leon/>.

Help IWOC to end prison slavery in Wisconsin. An injury to one is an injury to all. ###