

Mother Of Teen At Boot Camp Says Guards Routinely Abused Juveniles

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TALLAHASSEE, FL (AP) -- The mother of a teenager who was at the same bootcamp where a 14-year-old boy died after an encounter with guards says the guards routinely abused juveniles at the boot camp.

Shauna Manning also accuses the Bay County camp's nurse of dismissing juveniles' medical issues because she believed the boys were faking to try to get out of the program.

Martin Anderson died hours after a confrontation with camp guards. A medical examiner says an autopsy shows the teenager died as a result of complication with sickle cell anemia, a usually nonfatal disorder of the blood. Medical experts are casting doubt on that conclusion.

Manning says her 14-year-old son Aaron Swartz was distraught after witnessing how guards treated Anderson on January 5th.

Swartz reported Martin Anderson had run 15 of the required 16 laps before he started complaining about breathing trouble and could not go on.

Videotape from a security camera at the boot camp shows Anderson was struck and kneed by guards during an exercise drill.

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