



TIP BRIEF

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Georgia Prisons Force Criminality Through Zero Wages, Creating Record Violence

Georgia Department of Corrections pays prisoners nothing for labor while providing 1,200-1,400 calories daily—half what adult males need—forcing inmates to steal, join gangs, and participate in underground economies to survive. This deliberate policy created 100 homicides in 2024 (nearly triple the previous record) as desperation drives violence over food, debt, and basic necessities.

WHAT'S NEW

- Investigation reveals 34-homicide discrepancy between GPS documentation (100) and official GDC count (66), suggesting systematic concealment of deaths
- Documents how zero-wage policy combined with starvation-level nutrition creates forced criminality as the only survival strategy

ACCOUNTABILITY

Commissioner Tyrone Oliver has administrative authority to establish wage schedules without legislative approval but maintains zero-wage policy despite documented violence

RELATED ASSETS

- [DOJ Investigation Report](#)
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