



YET ANOTHER FATAL OUTCOME

On January 25, 2023, Nate was arrested at the UT Behavioral Hospital where he had voluntarily committed himself during a self-harming crisis. Eight days later, according to Smith county Sheriff's office, he was found with an electrical cord wrapped around his neck. Nate was served a warrant at the very place where he was supposed to be safe and cared for. Then, in a jail unequipped to handle psychiatric crises, he took his life. His death is a reflection of our culture that prioritizes criminalization over mental healthcare.

The Problem:

Nate was arrested at the hospital while receiving psychiatric care, having attempted suicide **mere hours prior**.

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In jail, Nate was left in a solitary cell and not provided **adequate oversight or care**, leading to his death by suicide.

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Nate was not provided with appropriate medications. He **repeatedly asked jailers** for treatment for his schizophrenia.

Next Steps:

Prioritizing mental health care before criminalization. Jail is not appropriate for people in crisis

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People in crisis **should not** be in jail. Jailors are not **trained or equipped** to manage severe psychiatric episodes.

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LMHAs should be managing psychiatric crises, not jails. **Continuity of care** by LMHAs within jails is also crucial.

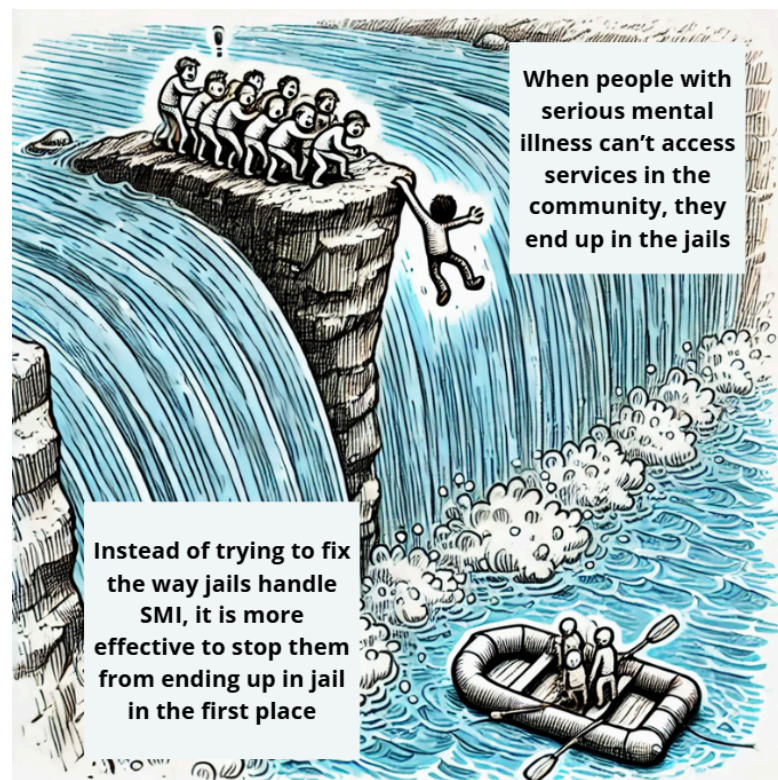
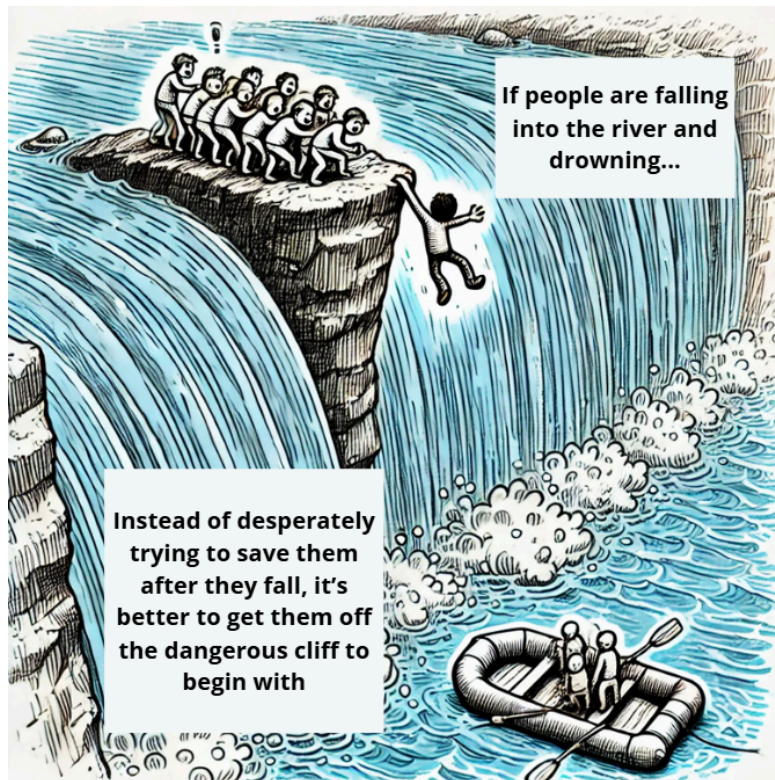


The solitary confinement cell and ligature where Nate took his life in Smith County Jail

MENTAL HEALTHCARE SHOULD BE PREVENTATIVE NOT PUNITIVE

Nate's death highlights our culture of criminalization. Nobody should be arrested in crisis from the place where they are seeking care.

Upstream problems require upstream solutions



In 2023, Nate's story made statewide news. See more about it here



Learn more about how Turn Key Health, a contracted mental health provider, failed Nate and others