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The following is in response to a request from the Mayor's office regarding the treatment of WTO protesters at the King County Jail. Please feel free to contact me if you have any questions or concerns. (296-4603)

Thank you,
Alonzo

The following is information to answer the various allegations made regarding the treatment of arrested protesters during their incarceration at the King County Jail. Jail Health Services staff (who are part of Public Health) report adamantly that they saw NO mistreatment of prisoners at the hands of detention staff. In fact, it is their position that jail staff went out of their way to handle protesters as well as possible and had even ordered thousands of meals to have on hand (sack lunches) including many for those who did not wish to eat meat.

Every protester who was arrested and brought to Sandpoint or Boeing Field received a health screening and care as necessary. These screenings were verified upon their arrival at the Seattle or Regional Justice Center at Kent.

The protocol at the jail is to confirm with a patient's doctor any needed medications OR have the patient evaluated for medications by JHS medical staff. Many protesters refused to give either their name or their doctor's name. With the assistance of the Pharmacy Board, JHS staff quickly developed a protocol for prescribing medications without this vital information -Every individual who self-reported that s/he was on some type of critical medication was evaluated and medication given accordingly.

During some points of the protests which surrounded the Seattle jail, the jail was put under "lockdown" status. During lockdown, the health staff is not free to leave the health clinic and only emergent care is available. However, at all other times JHS staff responded to all requests for care (kites).

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