



## Read the \$224 million contract Alabama signed with a prison health care firm

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Photo from 'Cruel Confinement' report released this morning by the Southern Poverty Law Center and the Alabama Disabilities Advocacy Program.

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MONTGOMERY, Alabama -- A senior Alabama lawmaker has questions for prison officials about its \$224 million contract with a prison health care provider.

State Sen. Arthur Orr, R-Decatur, previously told AL.com he planned to get answers from Alabama Department of Corrections officials later this month about its contract with Corizon in the wake of a lawsuit filed against the state by the Southern Poverty Law Center.

Corizon, of Tennessee, won a 34-month \$224 million contract two years ago to provide health care for Alabama's 25,000 inmates. It was the only company to submit a bid for the contract.

Corizon is not named in the **lawsuit** the SPLC filed in June alleging inadequate inmate medical care. The SPLC also released a report that is packed with **gruesome anecdotes** that suggest medical care in Alabama's prisons is cruel and unconstitutional.

"If we're getting service that leads to a serious lawsuit from the Southern Poverty Law Center, why are we doing business with these people?" Orr said about lawsuit.

Two companies that **employed the husband** of the prison system's top health official were previously hired by Corizon and its predecessor firm to X-ray inmates, AL.com reported.

**Moody's Investor Service** has since downgraded the firm's investor rating after the company reported losing contracts in the past two years that had paid the company more than **\$1 billion**.

A copy of the contract and other related documentations can be found below:

**2012 ADOC Corizon Contract**