

U.S. police officers accused of torturing civilians in unmarked warehouse

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Baton Rouge, September 23 (RHC)-- In the U.S. state of Louisiana, a new lawsuit accuses officers in a street crimes unit of the Baton Rouge Police Department of unlawfully arresting people and torturing them in an unmarked warehouse dubbed the "Brave Cave."

Ternell Brown, a 47-year-old grandmother, says she was arrested at a traffic stop in June after officers falsely told her it was illegal to store her prescription medications in a single bottle. Rather than being processed at the local jail, Brown alleges she was taken to the warehouse, where she was stripped naked and subjected to invasive body cavity searches. She was released without charge after about two hours.

This is the second federal lawsuit against the Baton Rouge Police Department. In another suit, 21-year-old Jeremy Lee, who is Black, alleges officers strip-searched him in public before bringing him to the warehouse, where he was brutally beaten by officers who turned off their body cameras.

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