

The Real War on Women – Rewarded for Killing His Wife

✘ This isn't the first time that I've been outraged to read about what convicts who commit the most heinous crimes are provided in prison. And, I'm sure it won't be the last. Robert Kosilek's story is just the latest outrageous waste of taxpayers' money. I'm hoping all those at the DNC last week screaming about the so-called "war on women" come out against this despicable human being who killed his wife and is now being rewarded for doing so.

Robert Kosilek killed his wife and has been in prison since 1990 serving a life sentence. He filed two lawsuits demanding he be given, at the taxpayers' expense, a sex change operation to treat his gender dysmorphia. Recently, U.S. District Judge Mark Wolf ruled Kosilek was entitled to a sex change operation because it was considered a "serious medical need."

Well, I don't know about you, but I don't see this as a "serious medical need." In my mind, "serious medical need" is something that saves you from dying. This isn't a life or death situation.

I read he "tried" to commit suicide while in prison and "tried" to castrate himself. What does that mean, "he tried." Doesn't sound that difficult. What was he using? A Play-Doh knife? Maybe he tried to commit suicide because he felt guilty for killing his wife. Did anyone think of that?

Kosilek's case has become the cause célèbre for the transgender community and I can only imagine what kind of slippery slope we're now on. Kristina Wertz, director of policy and programs at the Transgender Law Center in San Francisco, said upon hearing the Judge's decision, "It's great to see a judge recognize that transition-related health care

is medically necessary health care and that

transgender prisoners are entitled to the same health care that other folks who are incarcerated receive.”

I personally know transgendered people and, although they suffered emotionally during their lives before their surgery, it was never life-threatening like the need for a new kidney or the removal of a malignant tumor. Because insurance companies don't pay for this very expensive surgery, the people I know have actually saved up their own money to pay for their own treatment themselves. What a novel idea.

So, once again, you have a convicted murderer getting benefits he wouldn't receive had he been a law-abiding citizen. Not only did Kosilek commit the ultimate crime – taking another person's life – but in so doing, committed a crime against society as a whole. And, now, he reaps benefits far beyond what would've been available to him had he not done so.

It isn't enough that we, the taxpayers, have to pay for prisoners' food, clothing and shelter, cable and satellite television, computer access, fitness equipment, electricity, water, gas, psychiatric and health care – all things that we as law-abiding citizens have to pay for ourselves – but we now have to pay for elective surgical procedures. What's next – botox injections, face lifts, boob jobs, tummy tucks? Will we have to start paying for inmates' Viagra?

This is a man who has done absolutely nothing positive for society and is now being rewarded. If he's transferred to a woman's prison, will anyone female inmate be safe around this guy? Yet, Ms. Wertz thinks this is great.

I don't get it, but if you do, God bless you.