

Immediately on arrival Pratt heard rumors that there were threats against him being circulated, and within 30 days of his arrival he was viciously attacked. He was hospitalized for a concussion and eye surgery.

The attack against Pratt was the result of an incident in 2008 in which another inmate was attacked by a gang member on the LCC yard. LCC staff collected the names of any persons in the area who might have witnessed the incident and submitted the list to the State Patrol investigator. The investigator called each person on the list in for questioning. Pratt's name was on the list, but he had not witnessed the assault and was of no help to the investigation. During the legal prosecution of the case the attacker was given the list of individuals who were questioned by the investigator. Apparently he concluded that they had all spoken against him because starting in November, 2008, while Pratt was still at OCC, one by one the inmates on that list suffered violent attacks by members of the gang. Three other inmates on the list had been attacked prior to Pratt's.

Despite knowing of this systematic series of attacks, corrections staff and the Parole Board encouraged Pratt to return to LCC. At no time was he afforded the chance to make an informed decision regarding his safety. After being attacked Pratt was hospitalized for four days at Bryant LGH. He spent six more days at the prison hospital, after which he was held for more than 90 days in Protective Custody, the DCS's belated effort to protect him. But that protection entailed 22 hours a day in a locked double cell, which seems severe punishment in itself for authorities' failure to acknowledge the threat to the inmates whose names appeared on that list.