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Our Weekly Roundup of News and Views on Solitary Confinement

by [Aviva Stahl](#) | December 20, 2015

[The Intercept](#) published an in-depth look into the federal lawsuit recently filed against the Santa Clara County jails. While there have been a number of legal challenges to the use of solitary confinement over the last few decades, this is the first to take on its use in jails.

Solitary Watch's Victoria Law [covered changes made by NYC's Board of Correction](#) with regards to the use of solitary confinement in the city's jails. Under the new rule if a person has committed a serious assault on jail staff, he or she can be stuck in segregation for up to 60 days without a seven-day waiver; the seven-day waiver requires that after an individual spends 30 days in segregation, they must be placed in general population for at least seven consecutive days.

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