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Held against will in drug center, man says

ALEXANDRIA (AP)—A Fairfax man has testified in federal court he was held against his will for 130 days and subjected to mental and physical abuse in a drug rehabilitation center operated by Straight, Inc.

Fred Collins, a sophomore at Virginia Tech, told a jury Monday the Straight facility in St. Petersburg, Fla., where he says he was held, had guards at every door and used solitary confinement for inmates deemed uncooperative.

Collins, 20, is seeking \$750,000 in damages in his suit against Straight, a national drug abuse agency that last year opened a facility in Springfield.

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Collins said he had used drugs but never had a drug problem. He claims he was coerced into signing himself into the center after he went there to visit his brother in June of last year.

Collins was transferred to Straight's new Springfield facility last October. Two days later, he said he "escaped" by smashing out a window with a table.

Straight said Collins signed himself into the center voluntarily. The organization acknowledges its treatment techniques are intense, but said they are necessary to break the cycle of drug addiction.

Straight officials did not testify at Monday's court session but were expected to present their case today.