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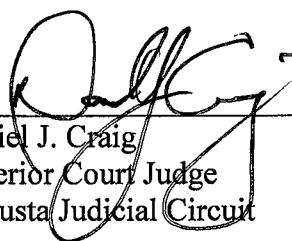
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE MARCH TERM 2016

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the March Term 2016, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on May 13, 2016, it is now,

ORDERED that the said presentment shall be filed in the Office of the Clerk of Superior Court for Richmond County, and that it shall be published once in the *Augusta Chronicle*, the legal gazette for said County; and

FURTHER ORDERED that the said general presentment shall be posted by the Director of Information Technology on the Augusta-Richmond County website for public access through the Internet (World Wide Web).

It is so ORDERED this 13th day of May 2016.



Daniel J. Craig
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO: The Honorable Daniel J. Craig
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
March Term 2016

DATE: May 13, 2016

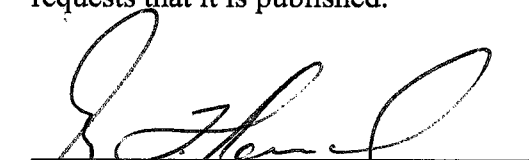
RE: Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the March Term 2016, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Daniel J. Craig on the 21st day of March 2016, submit our presentment on the 13th day of May 2016, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on seven (7) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

Sub-Committees were formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center and Drug Court; reports are attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 13th day of May 2016 and requests that it is published.


George Howard, Foreperson



Latasha Cauley, Assistant Foreperson


Donna Freeman, Secretary


Nichole Olds

Linda Cobb

Breanna Parker

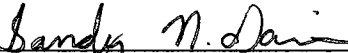

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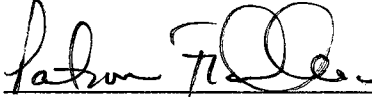

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**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MARCH 2016 GRAND JURY
REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER**

On April 19, 2016, Sub-Committee Members inspected the Charles B. Webster Detention Center.

We were greeted by Major Robert Leverett and Captain Bill Reeves.

Captain Reeves was our tour guide.

We ate lunch at the facility.

Trustee inmates assist with preparing and serving food.

Inmates are provided two hot meals – breakfast and lunch – and a bagged meal for dinner.

The entire facility is clean and organized.

The facility is equipped to house 1,056 inmates.

They currently have about 100 female and 850 male inmates.

Male and female pods were built in 1996; an additional male pod was constructed in 2010.

Inmates with medical and mental issues are kept separate from regular population.

Violent offenders wear striped jumpsuits and non-violent solid-color jumpsuits.

Females wear pink or pink-and-white striped jumpsuits and males wear orange or orange-and-white striped jumpsuits.

The Booking Area was part of the tour and Captain Reeves explained the process.

We were shown Central Control, the security center, which monitors cameras and all gates and doors to the facility.

We saw an in-house courtroom for high-profile cases.

The inmates have access to medical and dental care. The dentist comes out twice a week to pull and fill teeth.

When an inmate needs medical attention, he/she submits a request for sick call through the kiosk machine.

When an inmate is released and does not have transportation, he/she is issued a bus ticket.

Inmates visit guests by way of video monitors.

AUGUSTA JUDICIAL CIRCUIT ADULT FELONY DRUG COURT

The Superior Court and Accountability Court Coordinator, Elaina Ashley, visited the Grand Jury on May 3, 2016 to talk about Drug Court.

Drug Court is a two-year voluntary program.

Drug Court only allows defendants charged with drug possession to participate. They cannot have a violent past or be charged with distribution.

The program fee is \$3,600.00.

There are currently 85 active participants and the program can have up to 125 active participants.

The program has five phases which require drug treatment, drug testing, community service and/or work requirement, court sessions and AA or NA meetings.

Drug treatment is contracted out through a bid process.

If a participant is not following the program's requirements, punishment begins with community service to removal from the program.

125 defendants have graduated from the program.

75 defendants have been terminated from the program.

Drug Court has improved the lives of the participants and has lowered the odds that they will use drugs in the future. Drug Court is better than jail for rehabilitating drug users.