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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY  
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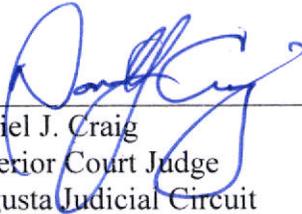
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE MARCH TERM 2017

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the March Term 2017, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on May 12, 2017, 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 12th day of May 2017.

  
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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 2017

DATE: May 12, 2017

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

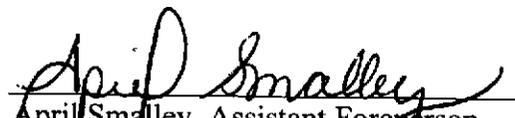
We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the March Term 2017, having been duly sworn by the Honorable James G. Blanchard, Jr. on the 20th day of March 2017, submit our presentment on the 12th day of May, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

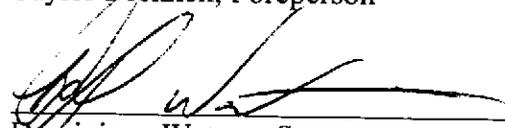
To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on seven (7) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center. The applicable report is attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 12th day of May 2017 and requests that it is published.

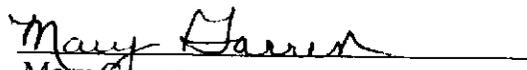
  
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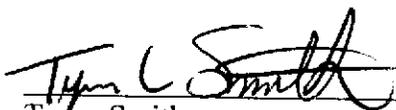
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**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MARCH 2017 GRAND JURY  
REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER**

On May 9, 2017, a three member Sub-Committee of the Grand Jury visited the Charles B. Webster Detention Center located at 1941 Phinizy Road. Having been asked to leave all belongings in our vehicles, we entered the lobby of the Detention Center and passed through a metal detector. The female deputy standing guard was very friendly and talkative as we waited for Captain Bill Reeves to join us.

After introductions, Captain Reeves lead us to the front desk where we turned over our ID's in exchange for visitor passes. Afterward, we went through a large metal door that locked behind us before the next one opened. Our first stop was the cafeteria where we ate the same lunch as Detention Center staff. Served by Trustees of the Detention Center, they are fed free of charge once during their shift.

After lunch, we were escorted to the first inmate block where we were learned the importance of their colored suits, i.e. tan is a Trustee, solid orange/pink is a non-violent crime inmate and orange-and-white stripe/pink-and-white stripe is a violent crime inmate. Escorted through all of the male and female blocks, we were also shown where inmates are housed. The entire area was incredibly clean and, from what we observed, the inmates showed respect for the Captain.

We toured the booking and holding cells and were shown where mug shots are taken, as well as the full body scanner used when a person is brought into the Detention Center. Incredibly clean, the holding cells contained a bench seat and a toilet. Separate holding cells, for suicidal people who could potentially hurt themselves, had nothing other than strap chairs against the wall.

We were escorted to the medical wing where several inmates were being seen. Rooms were set-up just like the inside of a doctor's office. There was also a dentist as well. Inmates are charged \$5.00 for a visit and/or medication prescription.

We were taken into the storage room where inmate's personal belongings are held during their incarceration; court clothing is located separately. In the same room was the system for the inmates' shower. Concerned with the spread of lice and bed bugs in the Detention Center, we were told that a chemical was sprayed in the water during the showers as a preventative measure.

On our way to the visitation center, we were taken into the courtroom where we observed an inmate taking his GED graduation test. In the visitation center, we discovered everything is done via video chat. While we understand this is the best choice and has significantly reduced contraband levels, we were somewhat concerned that inmates are unable to touch their family member, such as a child. Granted, with this new system, children under 17 years of age can visit with no limits.

We found this entire experience incredibly enlightening and surprising. Sub-Committee Members were surprised with how clean and well maintained the Detention Center is and we learned things we did not know before. We agreed those working at the Charles B. Webster Detention Center are doing a wonderful job. The inmates' living conditions are very clean and humane and the staff very hospitable and kind toward the inmates.

Sub-Committee Members:

Taylor Drennen  
Christa Meliezer  
April Smalley