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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY

HATTIE HOLMES SULLIVAN
CLERK, RICHMOND CO., GA.

STATE OF GEORGIA

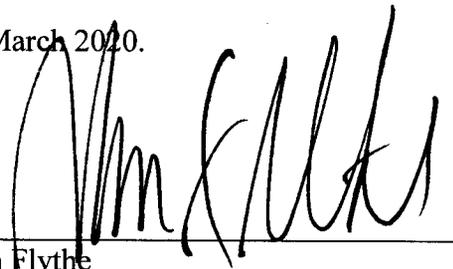
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE JANUARY TERM 2020

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the January Term 2020 and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on March 10, 2020, 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 10th day of March 2020.



E. John Flythe
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO: The Honorable E. John Flythe
Judge, Superior Court

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FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
January Term 2020

HATTIE HOLMES SULLIVAN
CLERK, RICHMOND CO., GA.

DATE: March 10, 2020

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the January Term 2020, having been duly sworn by the Honorable E. John Flythe on the 21st day of January 2020, submit our presentment on the 10th day of March, 2020, 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 eight (8) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

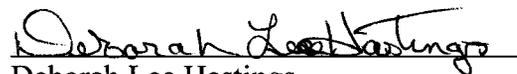
A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention center, the Superior Court Clerk's office and the Probate Court. The applicable reports are attached. Additionally, this Grand Jury heard evidence regarding the February 7th 2020 incident involving Deputy Nunes and Deputy Keathley and has returned the matter to the District Attorney for indictment.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this Presentment on the 10th day of March 2020 and requests that it is published.


Enoch Eller, Foreperson


Thomas D. Mills, Asst. Foreperson

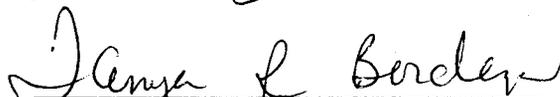

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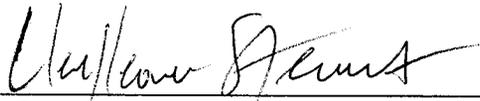

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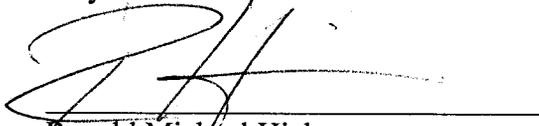

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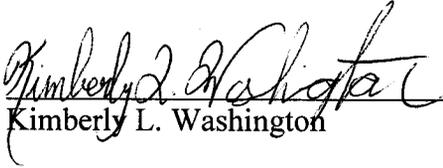
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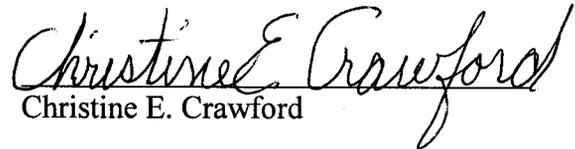


Roderick L. Whitlock



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Christopher Deion Meyers, Alternate

Kristina Meta Weldon, Alternate

Sub-Committee of The January Term 2020 Grand Jury
Charles B. Webster Detention Center

Meeting with Jail Administration - Captain William (Bill) Reeves

During our tour of the Charles B. Webster Detention Center our subcommittee learned the following:

- There are currently 1034 inmates in the Charles B. Webster Detention Center
- There is a maximum occupancy of 1052 inmates
- 15% of current inmates are woman
- There is another facility capable of housing up to 50 additional inmates if needed
- In an effort to diminish crime and inmate count, additional teams of law enforcement are being dispatched into specific areas where
- The new Charles B. Webster Detention Center was built as a result of the old jail facility near downtown Augusta having become inhabitable due to flooding, mold and other factors
- The new Detention Center spends \$5,000,000 annually to provide health care to inmates
- \$19,000,000 annually is spent to operate the entire facility including the salaries of Detention Center employees
- Uniforms for inmates are cleaned very regularly to maintain good hygiene for all inmates
- Three meals per day are provided for inmates
- There are about 2400 bags utilized to store inmate property
- Educational courses and certifications are available for inmates in order to help them to integrate into society and obtain employment after being released from Jail

Thomas Mills
James Merz
Erica Dazle
David Solomon

Sub-Committee of the January Term 2020 Grand Jury Probate Court

Tour of the Probate Court with Joy Daniels Chief Clerk of Probate Court

During our tour of the Probate Court offices and courtroom the subcommittee viewed and reviewed the following:

Files and Docket Books were stored in an organized fashion and maintained very well;

Several different movable file systems were employed to maximize storage capacity, with overflow storage provided by Augusta Data Storage;

Microfilm records are available for viewing and research;

A sample of the records maintained by the Probate Court which included: probated wills, administrations, filings of wills for safekeeping, marriage licenses, daily copies of the newspaper of record; and concealed weapons permits;

The subcommittee was also introduced to Judge Harry B. James III, Probate Court Judge for Richmond County.

The subcommittee also toured the courtroom used for Probate Court.

The Probate Court appears to be well managed and in good order.

Enoch Eller

Thomas Miller

Erica Dazzle

Sub-Committee of The January Term 2020 Grand Jury
Clerk of Court Office

Tour of the Office with Toylenya Ingram

During our tour of the Clerk's Office the subcommittee viewed the following:

Files and Docket Books stored in an organized fashion and maintained very well;
Civil Minutes Books also neatly kept and much open space was available for viewing;
Several Lektriever filing systems were employed to maximize the storage capacity for files as well as provide ready access;

Microfilm records are also available for viewing and research;

The approximately 48" high cubicle layout was open and efficiently arranged;

File boxes were observed staged and ready for storage by Augusta Data Storage;

Computer systems were observed to be running Windows 10 for the most part while some machines were still running Windows 7 awaiting upgrades;

The subcommittee also viewed the areas for Accounting, Superior Court, Real Estate Records – some of which date back to the 1700's;

We were introduced to Hattie Sullivan, Clerk of Court, whose office has the following primary responsibilities:

- Case Management Search
- Traffic Citations Online Payments
- Real Estate Deeds, Liens, Plats, and UCCs Search
- Notary Public
- Military Discharges

Ms. Sullivan showed us a project on which she was managing which was the compilation of the old slave records book dated from 1835. She hopes to have many visitors from schools and civic groups visit at any time.

The office appears to be well managed and in good order.

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