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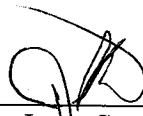
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE MAY TERM 2022

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the May Term 2022, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on July 12, 2022, 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 July 2022.



Judge Jesse Stone
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit

**Inspection of the Charles B. Webster Detention Center
By a Grand Jury Sub-Committee Conducted June 14, 2022**

On June 14, 2022, a Grand Jury Sub-Committee toured the Charles B. Webster Detention Center. Before our tour we met with Lieutenant Harrell, Captain Jenkins and Major Jones to discuss who and what the Detention Center is. We discussed some of the observations of previous Grand Jury terms this year.

Our first stop was to the dining area of the staff to have lunch. Our lunch was quickly cut short due to the Detention Center Staff thinking we were to tour the next day, Wednesday. Communication was off, and we feel should be a crucial part of running the Detention Center; if off in the wrong area, it could be detrimental to the local community (We would like to note, we were not upset about not receiving lunch, just concerned that communication was off). Our tour included different inmate pods, specifically H Pod, the dining area for the staff, and we viewed on camera the dining area for inmates, the medical unit, Command Center, intake and the out-processing area.

The Detention Center was built in 1997, and currently houses 999 Inmates. It is beginning to face many challenges to the structure of the buildings due to aging, all with a staff deficiency of 50 people. We learned that the County is responsible for the building and its equipment. Maintenance is a big issue with over 500 requests to fix leaks, plumbing issues, cell door locks, control panels etc.

From the April 26 tour, we were told improvements of hiring coming soon and Mental Health being addressed more. More staffing has been hired since improving salary, and with Officers from the Traffic Division being able to assist on a regular basis.

Maintenance is still being handled by a 2-person team. We spoke with Major Jones about the possibility of out-sourcing to local businesses to help get a better handle on the maintenance/building issues.

One area of our concern was the monitoring of most of the Detention Center. The new technology is an improvement but ideally we would like additional staff to work this important area of jail security.

Grand Jury Recommendations:

Overall, the Detention Center seemed to be clean and running smoothly, even with its lack of employees. Possibly, the Sheriff's Office could treat recruitment/hiring as the Military does, by offering more incentives/benefits for those hiring. Examples could be continuing education or tuition reimbursement, assistance with housing, daycare, etc..

We also agree with previous inspection committees that Richmond County Government should make the Detention Center a priority to increase funding for the overall well-being of the facility and thus the community.

Respectfully submitted by members of the Grand Jury,

Robert. Sargent

TO: The Honorable Jesse Stone
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
May Term 2022

DATE: July 12, 2022

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the May Term 2022, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Ashley Wright on the 16th day of May 2022, submit our presentment on the 12th day of July, 2022, 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.

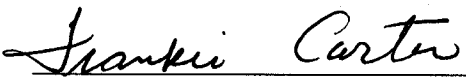
A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center. The applicable report is attached.

The Grand Jury respectfully submits this Presentment on the 12th day of July 2022 and requests that it is published.

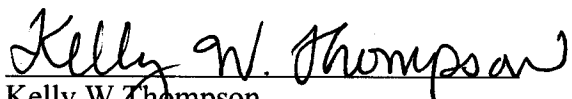


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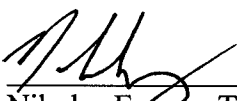


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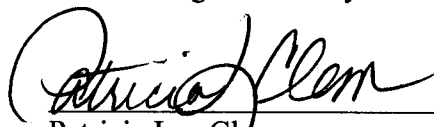
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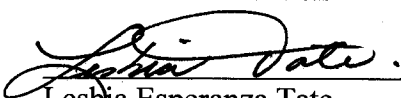


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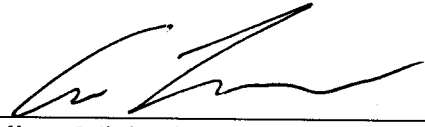


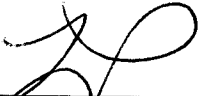
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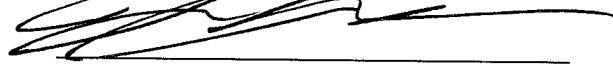
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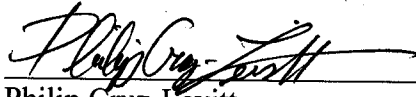



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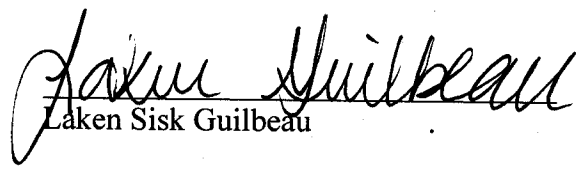

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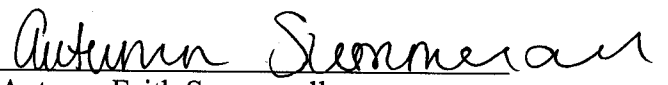

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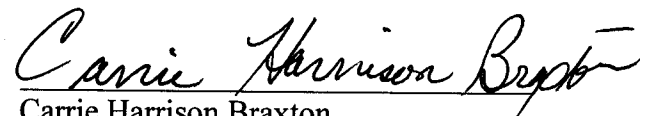

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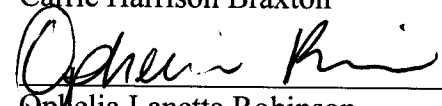

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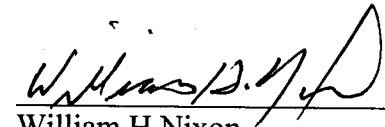
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