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TO: The Honorable Carl C. Brown, Jr.  
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury  
March Term 2009

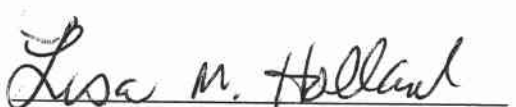
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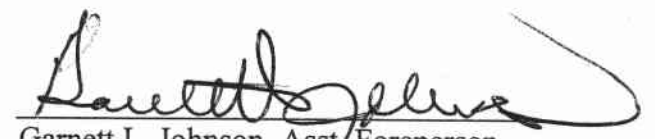
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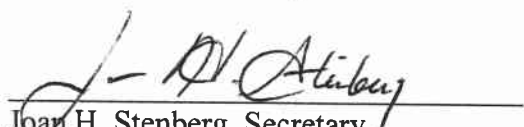
We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the May Term 2009, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Michael J. Annis on the 18th day of May 2009, submit our presentment on the 17th day of July 2009, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.


To discharge our sworn functions, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on nine (9) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictment presented to us by the District Attorney's Office. Sub-Committees were formed to inspect the Clerk of Superior Court's Offices and the Charles B. Webster Detention Center; applicable reports are attached.

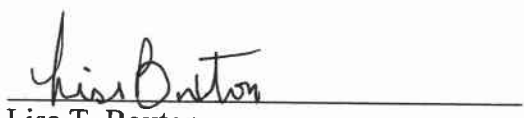
Respectfully, we submit this presentment on the 17th day of July 2009 and request that it be published.

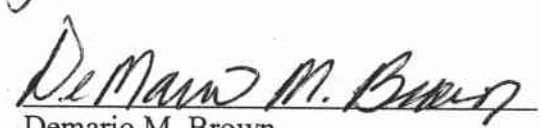
  
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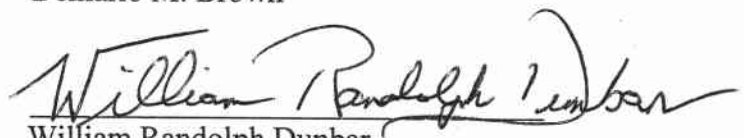
  
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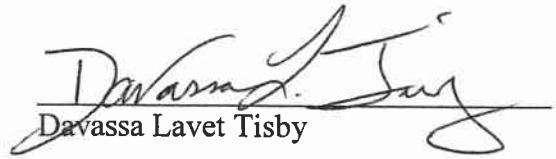
  
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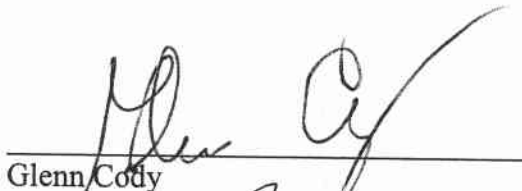
  
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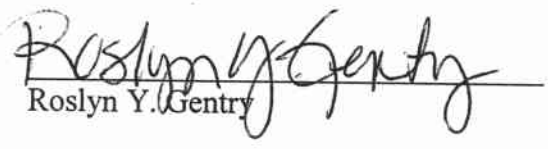
  
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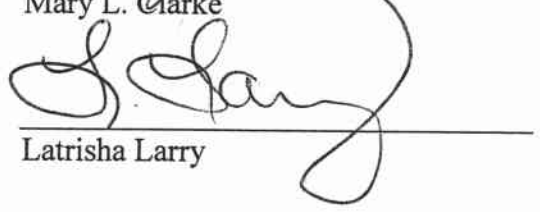
  
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**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MAY TERM 2009 GRAND JURY  
REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER**

On July 7, 2009, Sub-Committee Members were escorted to several areas by Captain Chester Huffman Jr. who oversees the daily operations for the detention center.

The detention center was constructed to alleviate overcrowding at the Augusta-Richmond County Law Enforcement Center. It opened in 1997. It is a pod-style building with 552 beds; 84 are dedicated to women. The women's pod has been consistently overcrowded since 1999 (it was not overcrowded on the day we visited). The men's pods began to overcrowd within the last two to five years. Overcrowding requires inmates to sleep on mattresses on the floor. An addition to the jail is currently under construction with 500 more beds, including 100 for medical and mental health; 140 beds will be dedicated to women and the current women's pod will house men when the addition is opened. The Augusta-Richmond County Law Enforcement Center is expected to close with those inmates being transferred to the Charles B. Webster Detention Center.

Though Captain Huffman would like to have more people on staff, the detention center seems to be safely run with the current staff of 20 jailers per shift. We visited two pods and observed two officers working each. Conditions in the jail seem to be sanitary and reasonable. Inmates are allowed time once per day to go into the yard for exercise and exposure to the outdoors.

We did not have lunch, but did visit the cafeteria where employees are served. Captain Huffman informed us that the meals for employees and inmates are not exactly the same. For example, when pork chops are served to employees, the inmates will receive pork patties since the bone could be used as a weapon. Also, the jail periodically has a nutritionist analyze inmate meals and make recommendations.

There was an employee injury the day we visited, but we were not apprised of the details. The employee went to an urgent care facility for treatment.

**Sub-Committee Members:**

Lisa T. Boxtton  
William Randolph Dunbar  
Roslyn Y. Gentry  
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**SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE MAY 2009 TERM GRAND JURY  
REPORT ON THE CLERK OF SUPERIOR COURT**

On June 16, 2009, a Sub-Committee of the May Term 2009 Grand Jury met with Elaine Johnson, Clerk of the Superior Court of Richmond County, Georgia, in her office on the 5th Floor of the Municipal Building. Mrs. Johnson greeted us and explained the functions of her office. She provided detailed departmental revenue reports (see attached). She indicated having 47 employees in her department and they occupy office space on the 5th Floor, as well as portions of the 2nd and 6th Floors, of the Municipal Building. They also occupy a section of the Law Enforcement Center.

After meeting with Mrs. Johnson, Teresa Riddle, Mrs. Johnson's Executive Assistant, took us on a tour of the department. First, we visited the record room and were shown where all of the real estate records are stored. We then toured the opposite end of the 5th Floor where all civil case files are maintained. Our tour concluded on the 6th Floor where the criminal case files are housed.

We were told that the Clerk of Superior Court's Offices will be relocating to the new judicial center upon its completion.

The department seems to operate very efficiently.

Sub-Committee Members:

Lisa T. Boxtton  
Mary L. Clarke  
Lara Gordon  
Darren Lee Jenkins  
Garnett L. Johnson  
Joan H. Steinberg

**IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY**

**STATE OF GEORGIA**


IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE MAY TERM 2009

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the May Term 2009, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on July 17, 2009, 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 17th day of July 2009.

  
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Carl C. Brown, Jr.  
Superior Court Judge  
Augusta Judicial Circuit