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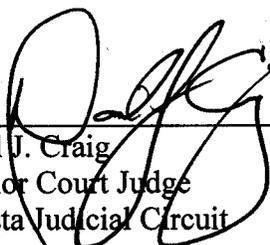
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE JANUARY TERM 2014

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the January Term 2014, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on March 14, 2014, 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 14th day of March 2014.



Daniel J. Craig
Superior Court Judge
Augusta Judicial Circuit

SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE JANUARY 2014 GRAND JURY TERM

REPORT ON THE PHINIZY ROAD JAIL

On February 4, 2014, a Sub-Committee of the January 2014 Grand Jury Term received a warm welcome from Captain Bill Reeves at the Phinizy Road Jail when we arrived at 2:00 p.m. Captain Reeves escorted us to the dining facility which we observed to be very clean and well lit. Captain Chester Huffman joined us as we enjoyed a delicious meal consisting of several chicken selections, i.e. baked, bar-b-que, fried and strips, steamed broccoli, fried and mashed potatoes, fresh green salad, tea and grape juice and various dessert options, i.e. spice cake, apple bake and lemon cake. Captain Huffman indicated that a private contractor previously prepared the food at an approximate cost of \$1.2 million dollars to the State. Currently, a vendor is under contract at a substantial annual savings of around \$600,000.00. The per-meal cost is about 84¢ for inmates and \$1.00 for staff members. Captain Huffman added that inmates are given hot meals for breakfast and lunch and sandwiches for dinner. During lunch, we heard a lot of drilling and hammering noises. Captain Reeves explained that renovations are underway. Captain Reeves told us about a wellness plan they have begun for their officers. Captain Huffman advised the new facility can house about 1,056 inmates and 900 are currently incarcerated.

After our meal, we were taken to the sick call area. We learned from Captain Reeves that inmates pay \$5.00 for a prescription. Should an inmate not have money for a prescription, they will be taken care. Captain Reeves showed us a machine that resembled an ATM machine and demonstrated how money – via credit or debit card – can be added to an inmate's account.

With the publicity surrounding the television show "Cops," Captain Reeves had an opportunity to comment on the eight weeks they were filming in Richmond County; the first of five segments was being aired on February 8th. This topic lead to another asking what crime was the most frequently committed in Richmond County. Captain Reeves indicated it was criminal theft.

Our tour continued to the A Pod in the medical area. The tower has multiple screens that are monitored 24 hours a day. Captain Reeves was asked how many inmates are usually in the area and we were informed that they never keep more than 30 inmates in this area at one time. Captain Reeves was then asked about cells and the number of inmates in them to which he indicated there are two- and four-man cells. Captain Reeves then took us to the Booking area. He explained there are single inmate holding cells for males and females and there are also holding cells for multiple inmates. We were also taken to an area resembling a cleaner's. Captain Reeves indicated this area is where inmates' property is brought when they are booked. He went on to say when an inmate is released, the inmate's name is looked up in the computer and, with the click of a button just like a cleaner's, the inmate's personal property is located. Captain Reeves indicated this room holds 2,400 property bags.

Captain Reeves was asked if the severity of the crime affects how inmates are housed. He informed us that inmates are separated according to the crime they commit and provided an example of an arrest for disorderly conduct arrest and one for murder.

As Captain Reeves was escorting us down the hall to the visitor's room, we came in contact with an inmate and a guard. Captain Reeves indicated this is not an uncommon because inmates are prohibited from being in the hallways or walking the facility without being in shackles and escorted by an officer. One benefit of the visitor's room is the elimination of contraband because visitors do not come in direct contact with the inmates; they visit through video conferencing. Captain Reeves informed us that all visits are recorded with the exception of conversations between an inmate and his/her attorney. Captain Reeves went on to say the only visitors an inmate can physically talk to is their attorney.

Captain Reeves' farewell was just as pleasant as his welcome. Not only did he thank us for coming to the facility for the inspection, he also thanked us for serving as jurors. We were in agreement that this was a great experience, the facility is very well kept and great care is being taken of the inmates.

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

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury
January Term 2014

DATE: March 14, 2014

RE: Grand Jury Presentment

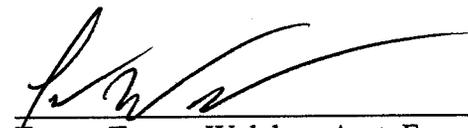
We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the January Term 2014, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Daniel J. Craig on the 21st day of January 2014, submit our presentment on the 14th day of March 2014, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

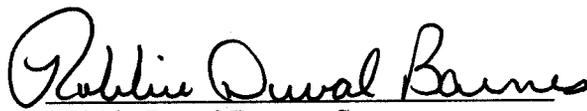
To discharge our sworn duties, as prescribed by the laws of the State of Georgia, we met on eight (8) dates during our term and acted upon Bills of Indictments presented to us by the District Attorney's Office.

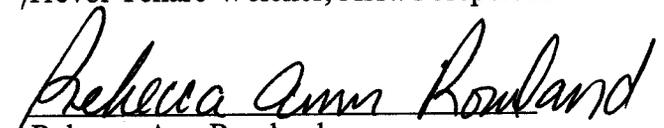
A Sub-Committee was formed to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center; the report is attached.

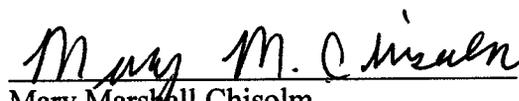
The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 14th day of March 2014 and requests that it is published.

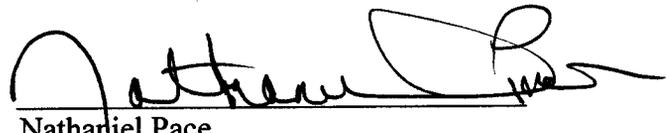

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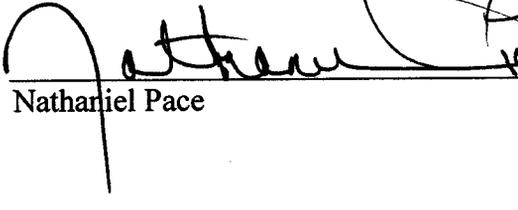

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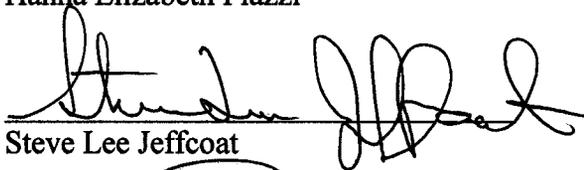
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