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IN THE SUPERIOR COURT OF RICHMOND COUNTY, GA.

STATE OF GEORGIA

IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE SEPTEMBER TERM 2014

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the September Term 2014, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on November 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 November 2014.

Michael N. Annis

Superior Court Judge

Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO:

The Honorable Michael N. Annis

Judge, Superior Court

FROM:

Richmond County Grand Jury

September Term 2014

DATE:

November 14, 2014

RE:

Grand Jury Presentment

We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the September Term 2014, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Michael N. Annis on the 15th day of September 2014, submit our presentment on the 14th day of November 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 nine (9) 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.

In addition to our assigned duties, this Grand Jury appointed one member to the Board of Equalization; the report is attached.

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

Mildred Meybohm Klosinski, Foreperson

Raven Samone Brooks, Secretary

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Tameka Velise Simpkins

Patricia Tuggle Stephens

Robert Delay Stephens

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SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE SEPTEMBER TERM 2014 GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER

On September 30, 2014, five members of the September Term 2014 Grand Jury visited the Charles Webster Detention Center and report the findings of our tour as follows:

We were met by Captain Bill Reeves and our tour began with lunch in the staff dining room. It was clear that Captain Reeves and the inmates serving the food were very proud of the quality and selection. Their pride was not without warrant as the offerings included chicken fingers, hot dogs, mashed potatoes, an array of salads and toppings and a veritable cornucopia of dessert offerings.

Of the maximum capacity 1,050 inmates, the Detention Center housed approximately 900 at the time of our visit. Less than one tenth of the population is female. Captain Reeves was very polite and more than happy to answer any and all of our myriad questions.

Inmate cells looked clean and orderly. Inmates appeared to be held to the strictest guidelines of organization and stewardship regarding personal space. Security was well thought out and followed extreme guidelines to ensure the protection of both the staff and the inmates.

We walked the corridors of the entire facility and viewed the men's and women's pods and medical facility. In the men's pods, violent-crime offenders were in striped jumpsuits while all others wore solid orange. Currently, dressed in orange-colored jumpsuits, females were in the process of changing to a pink jumpsuit system.

There was never any sense of lack of safety during our entire visit. The doors locked securely behind us before the next door opened ahead of us. Captain Reeves appeared to have a great relationship with his staff and the inmates. There was a feeling of the inmates being under control and being content with their incarceration, if such sensations can be simultaneously achieved in a maximum-security facility.

Our tour with Captain Reeves concluded at the Visitor Center where visitations are conducted via video conferencing. Built with cutting-edge technology, this separate building prevents contraband from entering the Detention Center. There are booths for the visitors and specific audio/video terminals for the inmates. Visits are limited to 30 minutes at a time and take place weekdays until 2:00 p.m.

Sub-Committee Members agree there is no concern regarding the detainment capabilities of the Charles B. Webster Detention Center. Also, the inmates' quality of life is positive, i.e. the food is good, the water clean and plentiful, the toilets and showers sanitary, the air flows easily and the facility well-ventilated. Overall, the Charles B. Webster Detention Center and its staff live up to their sterling reputation.

Respectfully submitted by the Sub-Committee Members