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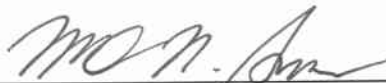
IN RE: GRAND JURY PRESENTMENT FOR THE NOVEMBER TERM 2010

The Grand Jury having returned the attached general presentment for the November Term 2010, and the same having been reviewed and accepted by the Court on January 14, 2011, 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 January 2011.



Michael N. Annis.  
Superior Court Judge  
Augusta Judicial Circuit

TO: The Honorable Michael N. Annis  
Judge, Superior Court

FROM: Richmond County Grand Jury  
November Term 2010

DATE: January 14, 2011

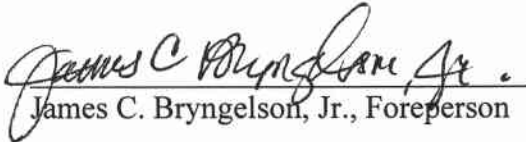
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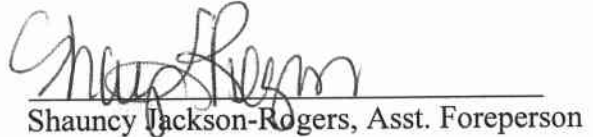
We, the members of the Augusta-Richmond County Grand Jury for the November Term 2010, having been duly sworn by the Honorable Michael N. Annis on the 15th day of November 2010, submit our presentment on the 14th day of January 2011, our last day as an official body of the Grand Jury.

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.

Two Sub-Committees were formed; one to inspect the Charles B. Webster Detention Center and the second to inspect the Finance Department; applicable reports are attached.

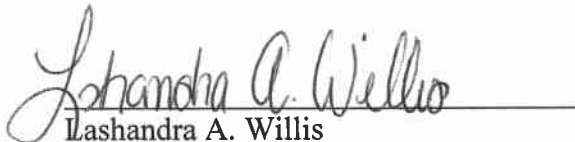
The Grand Jury respectfully submits this presentment on the 14th day of January 2011 and requests that it is published.

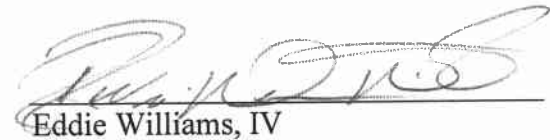
  
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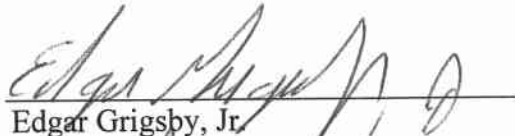
  
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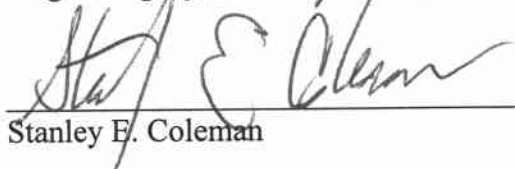
  
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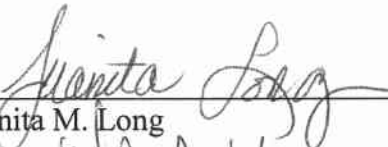
  
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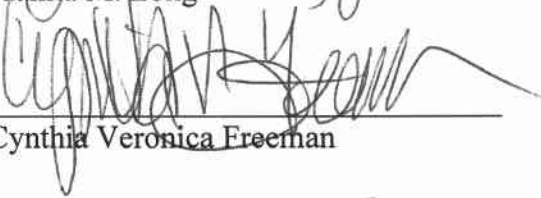
  
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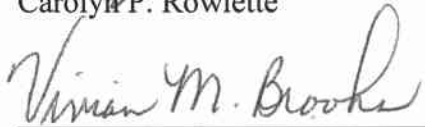
  
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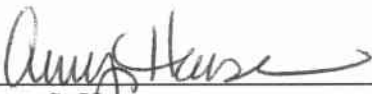
  
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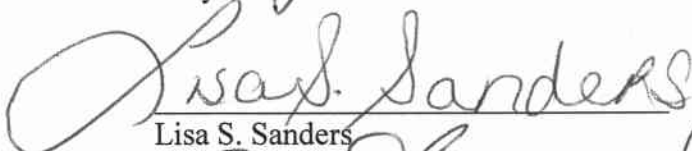
  
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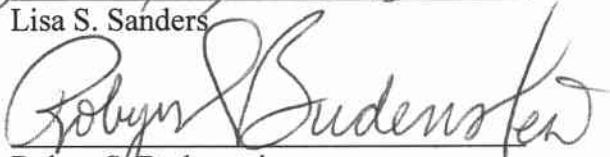
  
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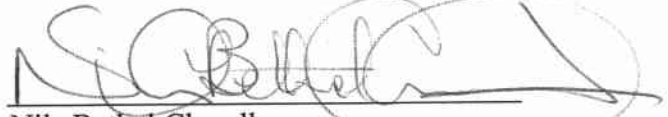
  
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## **SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NOVEMBER TERM 2010 GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE FINANCE DEPARTMENT**

A Sub-Committee of the Richmond County Grand Jury inspected the Finance Department on December 14, 2010.

The Sub-Committee met with Donna Williams, Finance Director, and took a tour of the offices. The tour included seeing the vault and the workers who work in the department. There were discussions on how long paperwork is maintained and how invoices are paid when billed to the County. The Sub-Committee took notice of the longevity that many department employees have with Augusta-Richmond County.

Sub-Committee members were given the County's proposed 2011 budget. Several members raised questions regarding items in the budget and how the money was to be spent. The subject explained in great detail was payments to jurors. After reviewing how much money is projected for each juror throughout the County per year, calculations yielded how much it would cost to raise that fee by \$2.00 and then \$5.00. Sub-Committee members were amazed at how much a seemingly small amount could affect the County's budget.

Sub-Committee members left with a greater understanding and appreciation of the Finance Department.

### **Sub-Committee Members:**

Vivian M. Brooks  
Rebecca Bussey  
Stanley E. Coleman  
Heather L. Dent  
Cynthia Veronica Freeman  
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## **SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE NOVEMBER TERM 2010 GRAND JURY REPORT ON THE CHARLES B. WEBSTER DETENTION CENTER**

On November 30, 2010, a Sub-Committee of ten from the Richmond County Grand Jury, November Term 2010, toured the Charles B. Webster Detention Center on Phinizy Road in Augusta, Georgia.

Upon our arrival at the facility, we were welcomed by Lieutenant Elim, Lieutenant Teasley and Deputy Tindell. We were taken to the cafeteria for officers and staff. The food was very good and nutritious. Trustees work in the kitchen and are overseen by a food service worker and an officer at all times. The trustees are housed in their own block. The inmates' food is taken to them in their pods. The inmates are fed three meals a day and are served the same food as officers and staff with a few modifications. For safety concerns, bones are removed to prevent their use as weapons.

The Detention Center's current capacity is 552 inmates. Any overcrowding requires some to sleep on a four-inch thick mattress on the floor. The Detention Center currently has four pods; each pod has six blocks and each block has a number of cells. The facility is operated by a staff of 20 per shift with 16 active officers at all times. The facility is high tech and very well designed and operated.

At the current time, there is an expansion program underway. Inmate capacity will increase to 1,033, with a medical facility, a larger female pod that will house 144 and two additional male pods. A visitation center is also being constructed. The construction and move in should be completed in late-Spring 2011.

We visited two pods – one male and one female; both have the same design. Due to the high-tech nature of the design, it only takes a couple of officers to manage the pod. The inmates have the freedom to move about in their block. Each block has a television and a large area for moving about. There are six blocks in each pod and the inmates only have interaction with those in their block. Inmates can go to a larger area off their pod for outside recreation.

The physical condition of the facility is good. When construction is completed, the overcrowding that occurs should be addressed. The inmates appeared to be clean and well fed. We were impressed with the facility, the professionalism of the officers and the general wellbeing of the inmates.

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