



Civil Rights Division

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Mr. Thomas Wagner  
President  
Scott County Board of Supervisors  
100 Main Street, Courthouse  
Forest, MS 39074-0630

Re: Investigation of the Scott County Jail  
in Forest, Mississippi

Dear Mr. Wagner:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Scott County Jail ("SCJ") in Forest, Mississippi. The investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. §1997-1997j (1982).

The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether SCJ violates the constitutional rights of its inmates. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations concerning (1) security guard staffing, (2) conditions of confinement, (3) structural deficiencies, (4) classification of prisoners, (5) medical and mental health services, and (6) use of inmates to supervise other inmates. Initiating this investigation in no way evidences any prejudice that SCJ violates its inmates' constitutional rights. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

As a means of commencing this investigation, we wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and perhaps agents of the

U.S. v. Scott Co.

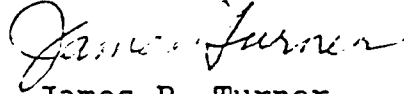


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Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit and tour SCJ. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our initial investigation.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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Civil Rights Division

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Scott County Attorney

Mr. William S. Richardson  
Scott County Sheriff

George L. Phillips, Esquire  
United States Attorney  
Southern District  
State of Mississippi