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Civil Rights Division

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U.S. v. Kentucky



JI-KY-004-001

The Honorable Brereton C. Jones
Governor of the State of Kentucky
Governor's Office
100 State Capitol
Frankfort, KY 40601

February 9, 1995

Re: Central Kentucky Treatment Center, Rice
Audubon Treatment Center, and Green River
Boys Camp Juvenile Detention Center

Dear Governor Jones:

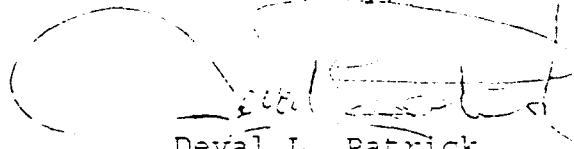
I am writing to inform you that the United States Department of Justice intends to investigate conditions at the Central Kentucky Treatment Center, Rice Audubon Treatment Center, and the Green River Boys Camp Juvenile Detention Center pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of the investigation is to determine whether the above mentioned facilities violate the constitutional rights of their residents. The investigation will focus specifically on allegations concerning physical abuse and neglect, racially motivated abuse and misconduct, improper use of restraints, retaliation for filing complaints, inadequate medical and psychiatric care, the absence of training programs and inadequate numbers of qualified professional and direct care staff. Initiating this investigation does not evidence any prejudgment that the facilities violate the residents' constitutional rights. If any violations are found, however, we will confer with you and your staff concerning appropriate corrective actions.

We will endeavor to coordinate this investigation with relevant officials of the State of Kentucky. We shall be in touch with your staff to work out the specifics of our investigation. Please feel free to contact our office if you have any questions on this matter. The attorneys assigned to the case are William G. Maddox at (202) 514-6251 and Robert J. Moossy at (202) 514-6247.

Your cooperation in this matter is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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KENTUCKY JUVENILE CENTERS

1. Central Kentucky Treatment Center
8310 Westport Road
Louisville, KY
502-425-2573

*Residential treatment center--refers to a facility over eight beds designated by the Department, in which a child adjudicated as a delinquent may reside for the purpose of treatment

*Maximum security w/ capacity for 50

*Age limits: 16-19, Males, Youthful or public offenders

*Opened in 1955

*Accredited Facility/Program

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2. Green River Boys Camp
Route 1
Cromwell, Kentucky 42333
502-526-3826

*Residential treatment facility as described in Central

*Minimum Security w/ capacity for 44

*Age limits: 14-17, Males, Public offenders

*Opened in 1972

*Accredited Facility/Program

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3. Rice-Audubon
8711 LaGrange Road
Louisville, Kentucky 40222
502-425-7521

*Residential treatment facility as described in Central

*Minimum Security w/ capacity for 42

*Age limits: 14-18, Males, Youthful or Public Offenders

*Opened in 1978

*Accredited Facility/Program

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