

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE
NORTHERN DISTRICT OF GEORGIA
ATLANTA DIVISION**

RHONDA JONES, et al.,

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Plaintiffs,

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v.

1:20-CV-02791-ELR

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VICTOR HILL, *In His Official Capacity*
as Sheriff of Clayton County, Georgia,
et al.,

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Defendants.

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ORDER

On July 1, 2020, Plaintiffs Rhonda Hill, Randolph Mitchell, Michael Singleton, and Barry Watkins, on behalf of themselves and others similarly situated, filed a Class Action Complaint and Petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus wherein they request that the Court issue preliminary injunctive relief. Compl. at 109 [Doc. 1]. This matter is now before the Court on that request.

For a party to obtain a preliminary injunction, the undersigned's Instructions require the following procedure:

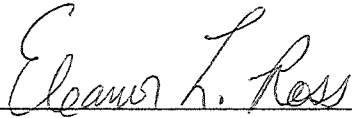
Any request for a temporary restraining order or for preliminary injunctive relief must be made by a separate motion and conform to FED. R. CIV. P. 65. See LR 7.1A(1), NDGa. A request for a temporary restraining order or preliminary injunction found only in the complaint will not be

considered at the time the complaint is filed and the request will be considered when the merits of the case are addressed. After filing a motion for a temporary restraining order or a preliminary injunction, the movant must contact [the undersigned's courtroom deputy clerk] to request expedited consideration of the motion; otherwise, the motion will be treated as a non-emergency matter.

Instructions for Civil Cases Assigned to the Honorable Eleanor L. Ross. [Doc. 5 at 7]. Plaintiffs' request for preliminary injunctive relief is within their Complaint and not filed in a separate motion. Accordingly, the Court denies Plaintiffs' request. The Court directs Plaintiffs to follow the procedures set forth in the undersigned's Instructions if they choose to pursue the matter.

For the foregoing reasons, the Court **DENIES** Plaintiffs' request for preliminary injunctive relief. Furthermore, because Plaintiffs' Complaint seeks habeas corpus relief pursuant to 28 U.S.C. §§ 2241 and 2243, the Court **DIRECTS** the Clerk to refer this case to a Magistrate Judge pursuant to Standing Order 18-01.

SO ORDERED, this 9th day of July, 2020.



Eleanor L. Ross
United States District Judge
Northern District of Georgia