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NUMBER 71-98-B

JOHN J. MCKEITHEN, ET AL

O R D E R

The foregoing Consent Decree entered into by and between the parties as a means of supervising all issues concerning the inmate population and security at the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison being considered.

IT IS ORDERED that the Consent Decree be and it is hereby approved as the order of this Court.

THUS DONE AND SIGNED at Baton Rouge, Louisiana, on this 27 day of February, 1997.

FRANK J. POLOZOLA  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

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February 21, 1997

Honorable Frank J. Polozola  
United States District Judge  
Middle District of Louisiana  
United States Courthouse  
Baton Rouge, LA 70801

RE: Application for Proposed Consent Decree  
Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison

Dear Judge Polozola:

In order to expedite and review the terms of the proposed Consent Decree, I spoke to the Calcasieu Prison Officials on Friday February 21, 1997. This letter is intended to summarize my findings. I spoke with Sheriff Wayne McElveen, Warden Robert House, and Chief of Corrections Joey Alcede.

The Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison, located in Lake Charles, is a new structure. The Sheriff's Prison will be operated by the Calcasieu Sheriffs Department. The Sheriff plans to move selected inmates from the Calcasieu Correctional Center.

The Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison is designed to house 336 inmates. There are six (6) dormitories that will house one hundred forty-four (144) minimum security inmates. There are eight (8) dormitories that will house one hundred ninety-two (192) medium security inmates. Mr. Alcede stated that approximately seventy-five percent of the inmate population will be State, approximately ten percent would be Federal, with the remainder being Parish and City inmates.

The Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison appears to meet the requirements for 48 square feet per inmate in the living area. There will be one (1) officer per forty (40) inmates on duty during each shift. Although I have some concerns over this ratio, the Sheriff explained that the new prison is located next to the old prison and the sheriffs department. He stated that the inmates in the new prison will be more of a minimum type, and that if extra help is needed, officers from the old prison and the sheriffs department would be available. The Consent Decree for the old Calcasieu Correctional Center is presently one (1) officer per thirty-eight (38) inmates. The Correctional Center officers will all be P.O.S.T. certified and will be trained in Lake Charles.

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Judge Polozola  
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Medical problems will be handled by one doctor, five (5) LPNs working under the supervision of the doctor, one (1) contract dentist, and mental health facilities at Moss Regional Medical Center. Emergencies will be transported to the local hospital.

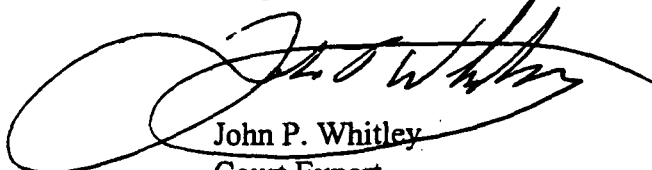
The Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison has two outdoor recreation yards. This will be used by male inmates at least one (1) hour a day, three (3) days a week. There will be a GED program for the inmates, as well as volunteer programs, including church services and substance abuse and alcohol abuse programs.

Inmates at the facility will have several opportunities to perform work. Aside from kitchen, maintenance, and laundry duties, there are inmates that will work on a road crew, car maintenance detail, and a maintenance crew for the parish and city police. There will also be a small farm operation. Mr. Alcede stated that most of the minimum security inmates will be working outside of the prison during the day. I have the usual concerns about inmate idleness, and not having enough work for the inmates to perform.

The building has been approved by the State Fire Marshal and State Health Inspector.

After speaking to the officials in Calcasieu Parish, I recommend that the Court approve the proposed consent decree.

Respectfully submitted,



John P. Whitley  
Court Expert

LOUISIANA DEPARTMENT OF HEALTH AND HOSPITALS  
OFFICE OF PUBLIC HEALTH

INSPECTION REPORT  
DETENTION OR INCARCERATION FACILITY

PARISH Cadecian DATE 2-17-1997  
 INSTITUTION Cadecian Sheriff's Prison MAX. CAPACITY 336  
 ADDRESS 5300 East Broad St., Lake Charles, LA 70615  
 NO. MEN \_\_\_\_\_ NO. WOMEN \_\_\_\_\_ NO. JUVENILES \_\_\_\_\_ TOTAL \_\_\_\_\_

IF ITEM IS UNSATISFACTORY MARK WITH AN (X)	COMMENTS:
1. Building: floors, walls and ceilings: Clean, good repair..... [ ]	Warm 240 - middle shower is not functioning.
2. Insect and rodent protection: Tight-fitting doors..... [ ] Windows: good repair, insect proof..... [ ] Approved control methods..... [ ]	
3. Handwashing lavatories: Hot and cold water as required..... [ ]	
4. Toilet facilities as required..... [ ]	In accordance with my inspection, it is my opinion that this prison facility is ready for inmate population.
5. Approved bathing facilities..... [ ]	
6. Safe drinking water; each cell, cell block or dormitory..... [ ]	
7. Lighting as required..... [ ]	
8. Forced ventilation..... [ ]	
9. Gas heaters vented..... [ ]	
10. Approved plumbing..... [ ]	
11. Approved waste disposal..... [ ]	
12. Mattresses and pillows: Good condition and clean..... [ ]	
13. Isolation cell for Communicable diseases as required..... [ ]	
14. Food source..... [ ]	
15. Floor space: Min. 48 sq. ft. or approved/Court Order..... [ ]	
16. Visitor waiting room: Sanitary facilities available..... [ ]	

Declaration of Inspection:

Signature of this report by the responsible official asserts that all places where inmates are held, sleep, eat, recreate or work within the facility, have been inspected at this time.

FACILITY OFFICIAL Sgt. T. Stone - Warden SANITARIAN OTB Gray 0373

CALCASIEU  
SHERIFF'S  
PRISON

JOEY ALCEDE  
Chief of Corrections

ROBERT T. HOUSE  
Warden



(318) 431-1300  
FAX: 431-1340  
Sheriff  
Wayne F. McElveen

5300 EAST BROAD STREET  
LAKE CHARLES, LA 70615

February 12, 1997

Mr. Otto Gray  
Office of Public Health  
721 East Prien Lake Road  
Lake Charles, LA 70601

RE: Health Department Inspection

Dear Mr. Gray:

In reference to the inspection of the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison that you conducted this date, the noted deficiency will be corrected.

The middle shower that was not functioning in Dormitory 240 will have the defective valve replaced. This work will be done by Institutional Specialties, Inc., which is the sub-contracted responsible for the plumbing controls. The company representative, Mr. Tommy Touchet, will be contacted and instructed to complete the necessary repairs during the week of February 17, 1997.

I will notify your office when the job has been completed.

Please do not hesitate to contact me for any additional information you may need.

Sincerely,

*Robert T. House*  
ROBERT T. HOUSE  
Warden

02/13/97 Valve replaced. repair completed.  
*L. House*



STATE OF LOUISIANA  
OFFICE OF STATE FIRE MARSHAL

INSPECTION REPORT

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STRUCTURE ID	OCCUPANCY	F.L.	PARISH	BLDGS.	STORIES	# INSP.	BADGE	SCHED INSP. DATE	INSP. TYPE	ACT INSP. DATE	BEGIN TIME
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	1976	103,453								GAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECT. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>	

TRADE				OWNER			
NAME Acadia Correctional Facility				NAME Cal. Parish Sheriff's Dept.			
ADDRESS 5110 E. Grand St.				ADDRESS P.O. Box V			
CITY Lake Charles		STATE LA		CITY Lake Charles		STATE LA	
ZIP 70601		PHONE 318) 491-3704		ZIP 70602		PHONE 318) 491-3704	

CODE SECTION	REQUIREMENTS (LIST CODE VIOLATIONS)	CORRECTION DATE
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NEPA 101 5-2.2.42	Stairs shall have handrails on both sides (34" to 38" above leading edge of tread)	3-6-97
	Inspection for Minimum/Medium Security Building	
	Building is Acceptable For Occupancy	

I hereby certify that this is a true report as a result of my inspection.		OFFICE USE	
PRINT NAME OF INSPECTOR Tony Louviere	BADGE 127	CC:	
Signature and Title of person to whom requirements were explained. Dennis C. Starn Assistant		ACTION: <input type="checkbox"/> AT1 <input type="checkbox"/> AT2 <input type="checkbox"/> AIC <input type="checkbox"/> ATF <input type="checkbox"/> II <input type="checkbox"/> LLN	
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		SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	TIME OUT

RS 40:1521 Whoever fails to comply with any order issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative under any provision of Part III, Chapter 7, of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1980, RS 40:1509 excepted shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned for not more than six months or both. Each day's violation of an order constitutes a separate offense and may be punished as such at the discretion of the court.

SEE REVERSE SIDE OF ORDER FOR RIGHTS OF APPEAL.



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TRADE				OWNER			
NAME Culacasia Correctional Facility				NAME Col. Parish Sheriff's Dept.			
ADDRESS 5410 E. Broad St.				ADDRESS P.O. Box V			
CITY Lake Charles		STATE LA		CITY Lake Charles		STATE LA	
ZIP 70601		PHONE 318-491-3704		ZIP 70602		PHONE 318-491-3704	

CODE SECTION	REQUIREMENTS (LIST CODE VIOLATIONS)	CORRECTION DATE
	Fire Alarm System	
NFPA 72:3	Provide documentation Watchguard Tower Security is listed U.L. Central Monitoring Station	2-11-77
NFPA 72	Provide Alarm System Certification and Description	2-11-77
	Acceptable for Occupancy	

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Signature and Title of person to whom requirements were explained [Signature]		<input type="checkbox"/> LLI <input type="checkbox"/> CC <input type="checkbox"/> DI <input type="checkbox"/> IC <input type="checkbox"/> RL <input type="checkbox"/> OTHER	SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR [Signature]
			TIME OUT

RS 40:1621 Whoever fails to comply with any order issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative under any provision of Part III, Chapter 7 of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (RS 40:1559) accepted, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned, for not more than six months, or both. Each day's violation of an order constitutes a separate offense and may be punished as such at the discretion of the court.

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TRADE				OWNER			
NAME	Colcasin Correctional Facility			NAME	Col. Brian Sheriff's Dept.		
ADDRESS	5410 E. Broad St.			ADDRESS	P.O. Box V		
CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
Lake Charles	LA	70601	(318) 491-3704	Lake Charles	LA	70607	(318) 491-3704

CODE SECTION	REQUIREMENTS (LIST CODE VIOLATIONS)	CORRECTIO DATE
	Comments: U.C. 413; 1894N; 1894N; 1894N; 1894N	

ADA-AG	Provide equal access for handicapped:	3-6-9
	(1) Ramps & 4" curb (Edge protection)	
	(2) Grab bars 36" rear 33" to 36" above floor	
	(3) Shower seats + grab bars	

6-2.3.6.2	Penetrations in fire barriers shall be sealed with a material capable of maintaining the rating of the barrier (Provide U.L. fire stopping systems)	3.6.9
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6-2.2.2	Fire barrier shall be sealed to deck of roof (remove insulation)	3.6.9
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Tommy Louviere		SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
Dennis C. Brown, President		TIME OUT	

115-40-1021 Whoever fails to comply with any order issued by the Fire Marshal or his authorized representative under any provision of Part III, Chapter 7, of Title 40 of the Louisiana Revised Statutes of 1950 (RS 40:1563) excepted, shall be fined not more than five hundred dollars or imprisoned, for not more than six months or both. Each day's violation of an order constitutes a separate offense and may be punished as such at the discretion of the court.

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		1996	103,453		<input type="checkbox"/>			<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>			GAS <input checked="" type="checkbox"/> ELECT. <input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
TRADE						OWNER					

NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE	NAME	ADDRESS	CITY	STATE	ZIP	PHONE
Calcasieu Correctional Facility	5410 E. Broad St.	Lake Charles	LA	70601	318-491-3704	Cal Parish Sheriff's Dept	P.O. Box V	Lake Charles	LA	70602	318-491-3704

CODE SECTION	REQUIREMENTS (LIST CODE VIOLATIONS)	CORRECTION DATE
	Sprinkler Systems	
NFPA 211	Provide under ground contractors material list & Test Certification	3-6-97
	Inspection for Minimum/Medium Security Building	
	Acceptable for Occupancy	

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Signature and Title of person to whom requirements were explained		SIGNATURE OF INSPECTOR	
Dwight C. Gano, Architect		[Signature]	
		TIME OUT	

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CALCASIEU SHERIFF'S PRISON  
CONSENT DECREE

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SIGN RICHARD T. MARTIN  
CLERK

This Consent Decree is entered into by the undersigned parties means of supervising all issues concerning the security at the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison. The Court will in jurisdiction until such time as the parties agree or the is satisfied that the terms of the Decree have been satisfied other supervision by the Court is unnecessary. Any disputes ing the implementation of its terms or coverage, will be ed to the Court for resolution.

Although no findings have been made by the Court because of ment by the parties, this Decree contemplates and is to prevent any crowded conditions of confinement which may ne inmates of the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison the rights, and immunities and the equal protection of the laws am by the Constitution of the United States. Any further ion of the meaning of this Decree which the Court is make will be made in the light of the Court's g of its purpose.

CALCASIEU SHERIFF'S PRISON

The Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison Minimum/Medium Security Building will house a maximum of 336 inmates in the Minimum Security and Medium Security sections.

The Minimum Security section will consist of six dormitory units housing 144 inmates, designated as trusties. It will contain two elevated security control stations, one of which will be enclosed and have override capability over the open control station.

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- 3) All correctional officers are equipped with two-way portable radios that allow communication between all officers, security control stations and the centralized security control station, simultaneously. Additionally, communications between all of the security control stations is available, by radio, telephone and intercom.
- 4) The dormitory units are not air conditioned. They are cooled by fresh air ventilation. Each dormitory unit dayroom has a separate rooftop ventilator fan for forced air ventilation. These fans are individually controlled in the respective security control station, throughout the Minimum/Medium Security Building.
- 5) Inmates are not allowed to possess cigarette lighters or matches. Inmates must light cigarettes by use of a wall mounted lighter element. One such lighter is mounted on the wall in each dayroom. These lighters are controlled by a switch in the security control station and are turned off at lights-out when the inmates go to bed.
- 6) All dormitories are equipped with call buttons that signal their respective control stations and allow two-way conversation between same. Each dormitory also has a public address system that can be utilized by the respective security control station.

7) The Minimum/Medium Security building design, with elevated security control stations, affords staff the ability to maintain constant visual contact with all inmates in each of the dormitory units.

8) The Calcasieu Parish Sheriff's Department, housing the entire Criminal Division, and the Calcasieu Correctional Center are both located across the complex access road from the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison. This will afford immediate access to additional personnel in the event of an emergency.

5. Personnel

A. The staff-inmate ratio will be at least one staff member per forty (40) inmates at all times.

II. MISCELLANEOUS

1. Nothing in this Consent Decree shall prohibit the State Fire Marshal or the State Health Officer from proceeding in State Court for any violation of any State Fire Code or Health Regulation.

2. Calcasieu Parish shall not transfer any inmates to any parish or city whose population limits have not been approved by the Court.

3. The parties agree and stipulate that the foregoing be incorporated into a Consent Order or Decree issued by this Honorable Court.

IT IS FURTHER AGREED that the above and foregoing be incorporated into a Consent Decree issued by this Honorable Court.

Wayne F. McElveen  
WAYNE F. McELVEEN, SHERIFF  
Calcasieu Parish

Fred A. Book, Jr.  
FRED A. BOOK, JR., Attorney  
for Sheriff Wayne F. McElveen

Vincent J. Bell  
STATE FIRE MARSHAL

[Signature]  
ATTORNEY FOR STATE FIRE MARSHAL

Louis Neumann, M.D.  
STATE HEALTH OFFICER

H.M. Westhof, Jr.  
ATTORNEY FOR STATE HEALTH OFFICER

IT IS ORDERED that the foregoing stipulation be and it is hereby approved as the order of this Court, and that it will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Court's Order of September 26, 1996.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this 25 day of July, 1997.

[Signature]  
UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

## CALCASIEU SHERIFF'S PRISON

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- A. Dormitory units 410, 420, 510, 520, 530 and 540 will contain a total of 1,540 square feet each and house a maximum of 24 inmates each.
- 3. The Medium Security section will consist of eight dormitory units housing 192 inmates. It will contain two elevated, enclosed security control stations.
  - A. Dormitory units 210, 220, 230, 240, 310, 320, 330 and 340 will contain a total of 1,540 square feet each and house a maximum of 24 inmates each.
- 4. Security and Safety
  - A. The following security and safety features will enhance the safety of staff and inmates, as well as aiding the correctional personnel in the performance of their duties:
    - 1) The entire facility is equipped with a sprinkler system. In addition to this, the housing areas are equipped with smoke detectors. The smoke detectors are connected to a graphics annunciator panel located in each security control station, as well as the fire alarm system.
    - 2) The dormitory dayroom doors that release into the security corridors are controlled at each security control station and also controlled with a backup emergency release located in the centralized security control station. In addition, each dormitory has an emergency release door, controlled as described above, that exits directly outside to a fenced evacuation yard.

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IT IS ORDERED that the foregoing stipulation be and it is hereby approved as the order of this Court, and that it will be subject to the terms and conditions of the Court's Order of September 26, 1996.

Baton Rouge, Louisiana, this \_\_\_ day of \_\_\_\_\_, 1997.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT JUDGE

DEPARTMENT OF  
PUBLIC SAFETY AND CORRECTIONS

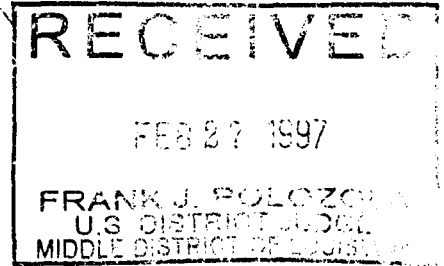
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The Honorable Frank J. Polozola  
Judge, United States District Court  
Middle District of Louisiana  
777 Florida Street, Suite 313  
Baton Rouge, Louisiana 70801

RE: Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison

Dear Judge Polozola:

The Petition for Order Approving Settlement for Purposes of Terminating Consent Decrees (the "Petition"), and approved by the Court on September 26, 1996, included Exhibit A-1 which was submitted by the Department listing those Non-DPSC Facilities holding state inmates. Additionally, pursuant to Paragraph 2.4 of the Petition, the Department submitted to the Court on October 15, 1996, a list of all secure facilities in which juveniles were housed as of September 30, 1996. (See attached).

On February 24, 1997, the Court approved the Consent Decree for the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison which is attached hereto.

Therefore, the Department requests that the Calcasieu Sheriff's Prison be included on the Exhibit A-1 list of Non-DPSC Facilities housing state inmates.

If you need additional information or clarification, please advise.

Sincerely,

*William L. Kline*

William L. Kline  
Deputy General Counsel

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cc: Mr. Stalder Mr. Whitley  
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