



George County
Grand Jury Report
December 9 - 10, 2009

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By: _____ D.C.

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE
JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

OCTOBER 2009

The Grand Jury of George County, Mississippi was impaneled on Monday, October 19, 2009, and files this report. After being impaneled, the Grand Jury received a charge as to its duties, responsibilities and rights by Judge Robert Krebs.

This Grand Jury was recalled and conducted their session beginning on Wednesday, December 9, 2009 and continuing through Thursday, December 10, 2009. The Grand Jury considered a total of 145 counts involving 84 cases and 96 defendants; true billed 115 counts resulting in 64 indictments against 75 defendants; no billed 27 counts involving 22 defendants; continued 3 counts involving 1 defendant; and remanded 4 counts involving 3 defendants. A certified list of witnesses who testified before this Grand Jury is attached to this report. The indictments returned have been prepared, executed and delivered to the Circuit Clerk with the filing of this report.

The Grand Jurors toured three county locations: Benndale Elementary School, George County Regional Correctional Facility, and the George County Courthouse.

Benndale Elementary School

The jurors found the school to be clean and orderly with good student discipline. Student work was displayed in the halls and the principal was very nice and accommodating. While the jurors enjoyed a good lunch at the school, they felt that the students needed better lunches. The school also needs a certified Physical Education teacher.

George County Regional Correctional Facility

The jurors found the jail to be clean and orderly with good management. They found a need for more washers and dryers to handle the laundry needs of the facility and a larger kitchen to accommodate all the inmates. More parking spaces are also needed to handle all the visitors to the facility.

George County Courthouse

The jurors found that the courthouse needs some attention to general upkeep including painting. Several of the jurors also experienced first hand the need for ceiling tiles to be replaced in several locations, but especially in the jury room, as several tiles actually fell from the ceiling during the Grand Jury sessions.

The Grand Jury would like to thank the Court for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. The Grand Jury would also like to thank all of the individuals who appeared before it during the session and would recommend to the citizens of George County to serve on a future Grand Jury if called upon.


Eric Anthony Hill, Grand Jury Foreperson

The following is a certified list of witnesses who appeared before the December 9 - 10, 2009 Grand Jury:

The certified list of witnesses is available in the George County Circuit Clerks office.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI
COUNTY OF GEORGE

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, Eric Anthony Hill, Grand Jury Foreperson, who after being sworn by me, states on his oath and certifies that, to the best of his knowledge, the foregoing represents a true and correct list of witnesses appearing before the impaneled October 19, 2009 Grand Jury, being recalled December, 2009.


Eric Anthony Hill, Grand Jury Foreperson

Sworn and subscribed before me on this the 16 day of December, 2009.




Chad Welford, Circuit Clerk