N.J. v. Passaic Co. Board of Chosen Free Holders of P.H.

JI-NJ-0001-0004

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ORDERED that:

SUPERIOR COURT OF NEW JERSEY LAW DIVISION - PASSAIC COUNTY DOCKET NO. L8669-78

STATE OF NEW JERSEY	)	
(Office of the Public Defender, Department of the Public Advocate) IN THE INTEREST OF P.H., et. al., Plaintiffs,	)	Civil Action ORDER
	)	
PASSAIC COUNTY BOARD OF CHOSEN FREEHOLDERS, et. al.,	)	
Defendants.	)	

This matter having come before the court for a hearing on July

16, 1982, on motion of Steven Zamrin, Esq., Deputy Public Defender,

appearing on behalf of plaintiffs, P.H., et. al., and

Esq., appearing on behalf of defendants, Passaic County Board of Freeholders,

et. al., and

, Esq., appearing on behalf

of amicus curiae, Passaic County Prosecutor's Office, and the court having

determined from testimony and its review of the entire record in this

matter and for good cause shown;

THEREFORE, IT IS on this day of , 1982,

- 1. The motion for aid of litigant's rights is granted;
- 2. The defendants shall immediately begin efforts to reduce the population at the detention center to the legal rated capacity by:
- a) Ordering the Sheriff of Passaic County to transport all juveniles who have been committed to the Department of Corrections to the

appropriate facility at the Department of Corrections;

- b) Defendants shall notify this court and the Presiding Judge of the Passaic County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court whenever the detention center exceeds its rated capacity of 35;
- 3. The defendants shall submit to this court within 30 days of this order a detailed plan containing time frames for the construction of a new detention facility and shall be subject to all the sanctions permitted by the law of civil contempt for failure to meet the schedule without good cause;
- 4. The defendants shall immediately correct all deficiencies concerning fire safety as documented in the June 1982 evaluation of the detention center by the Department of Corrections and all other deficiencies noted in the evaluation;
- 5. No juvenile shall be allowed to sleep on a mattress placed on the floor at the detention center;
- 6. The defendants shall submit a written report every 30 days detailing the progress on constructing a new detention center, efforts to correct physical and programmatic violations of the Department of Corrections Manual of Standards, and efforts to maintain the population of the detention center at or below its rated capacity of 35 to this court, the Department of Corrections, and the Attorney for the Plaintiffs;
- 7. It is further ordered that whenever the detention center exceeds its rated capacity, the Presiding Judge of the Passaic County Juvenile and Domestic Relations Court shall review the case of every juvenile so detained to insure that Supreme Court Directive No. 5-80 is being followed; consult with the Director of the detention center to determine if certain juveniles can be released, and consider the transfer of juveniles to other