

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT  
District of Maine

LAURIE TARDIFF, on behalf of herself and )  
on behalf of others similarly situated, )

Plaintiffs )

vs. )

Docket No. 02-251-P-C

KNOX COUNTY, et al., )

Defendants )

**ORDER**<sup>1</sup>

Upon consideration of the Plaintiffs' Consent Motion for Preliminary Approval of Class Settlement filed on October 3, 2006, the preliminary hearing on that motion on October 11, 2006 and good cause having been shown, this Court issues the following orders:

1. The Settlement Agreement combined with the Court's Order of September 29, 2006.
2. The Court approves the following exhibits, which were attached to the Settlement Agreement: the notice of class action settlement attached as Exhibit A, the version of the settlement claim form attached as Exhibit B; the notice for publication attached as Exhibit C; the press release attached as Exhibit D; and the envelope attached at Exhibit F.

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<sup>1</sup> It is noted that the proposed dates for deadlines suggested here have been calculated in anticipation of the Court issuing its Order by December 11, 2006. Should the Court issue an Order after December 11, 2006, all deadline dates in the draft order must be adjusted by the same time period.

3. Analytics, Inc., of 18732 Lake Drive East, Chanhassen, MN 55317, is appointed as the claims administrator for the proposed settlement in this case.

4. Within three (3) weeks from the date of this order, the claims administrator will mail the revised settlement notice and claim form in the envelope described in paragraph 2 above to known class members.

5. The newspaper notice of the settlement will be published twice in both the Portland Press Herald, Bangor Daily News and Rockland Courier Gazette. Counsel for the plaintiffs will also distribute the press release described in paragraph 2 above to various media following the issuance of this court order. Defendants will post copies of the newspaper notice at the jail in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the Settlement Agreement.

6. Plaintiff's Counsel will maintain the website [www.knoxcountyjailclass.com](http://www.knoxcountyjailclass.com) and copies of the notices to class members and the claim form approved by the Court will be available for downloading from this website.

7. The claims administrator will maintain a toll-free telephone number from which potential class members can get information about the case and the settlement during the time period beginning when claim forms are mailed and ending the day after claim forms must be postmarked.

8. On February 16, 2007, counsel for the plaintiffs shall file their motion for final approval of the settlement and their supplemental memorandum on attorneys fees.

9. January 5, 2007 is the deadline for class members to file a written notice of exclusion from this case.

10. January 5, 2007 will be the posted deadline for class members to have postmarked their settlement claim forms, with an additional two week amnesty period until January 19, 2007, during which settlement claim forms will still be accepted as timely.

11. On February 16, 2007 counsel for the plaintiffs may file a supplemental memorandum addressing any objections to the settlement filed after January 19, 2007, or otherwise supporting the approval of the settlement.

12. March 30, 2007, the last business day before the hearing on the Motion for Final Approval of the Settlement, shall be the absolute cutoff deadline for the consideration of settlement claims forms submitted late.

**SO ORDERED**

**DATED THIS \_\_\_ DAY OF OCTOBER, 2006.**

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**GENE CARTER  
JUDGE, UNITED STATES  
DISTRICT COURT**