

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR THE MIDDLE DISTRICT OF ALABAMA (NORTHERN DIVISION)

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CALIPH WASHINGTON, et al.

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FRANK LEE, et al.

CIVIL ACTION

NO. 2350-N

## INTERROGATORIES TO A. MELVIN BAILEY, SHERIFF OF JEFFERSON COUNTY, ALABAMA

You are hereby notified to answer under oath the interrogatories below within fifteen (15) days of the time of service made upon you in accordance with Rule 33 of the Federal Rules of Civil Procedure. If any part of the following interrogatories cannot be answered in full, please answer to the extent possible. If you are unable to answer any of the interrogatories, or a part or parts thereof, please specify the reason for your inability to answer and state what other information or knowledge you have concerning the answered portion.

- (1). Are you an employee of the State of Alabama?
- (2). How long have you been an employee of the State of Alabama and in what capacity?
- (3). In general detail please list the nature and extent of your duties.
- (4). List all the correction institutions in Jefferson County subject to your management and control

or subject to the management or control of a person or persons in your employ.

- (5). List those other correction institutions in the county, if any, in which you or your office serve in an advisory, consulting, or other capacity.
- (6). List all employees employed in the Jefferson
  County Sheriff's office according to their respective
  job classifications, to wit: (a) guards, (b) jailers
  and custodians, (c) stewards, (d) clerical and other
  office employees, (e) cooks and related service personnel,
  (f) all other classifications. How many of the above
  employees are members of the Negro race and how many are
  members of the Caucasian or white race according to particular job classification?
- (7). What percent of the total employees of the Jefferson County Sheriff's office are members of the Negro race and what percent are members of the Caucasian race?
- (8). Explain the procedures followed by the Jefferson County Sheriff's office in its screening, hiring, type and duration of employment, and termination of employment, including the method by which individuals are assigned to types or classifications of employment.
- (9). Title 45, Section 74, Code of Alabama (Recompiled 1958) provides in part that "all laws of this State and rules of the department in regards to state convicts shall apply also to county convicts as far as applicable, except as otherwise provided by law." Title 45, Section 4, <u>ibid.</u>, provides in part that "there shall be proper separation of convicts from free persons, whites from

Title 45, Section 19, ibid., requires in part that certain reports must be made to the Governor of Alabama setting out the "ages, race, and sex" of convicts being held in each county. Title 45, Section 30, ibid., requires in part that "it is the duty of the department, upon the reception of any convict into the penitentiary, to take his height, name, age, complexion, color of his hair and eyes, fingerprints, photograph,". Title 45, Section 52, ibid., requires in part that "it shall be unlawful for white and colored convicts to be chained together or to be allowed to sleep together;.... Whenever in the judgment of the Governor and the Director, it is practicable to do so, arrangments shall be made for keeping white and colored convicts at separate prisons and they shall not be allowed to be kept at the same place." Are you aware of all, or any, of the above provisions of Alabama law and are they being enforced or complied with by you as Sheriff of Jefferson County?

- (10). If the above provisions of Alabama law are being enforced or complied with by you and your office, state in what way.
- (11). Do the various reports made by your office to the Governor of the State of Alabama make a classification of prisoners under your jurisdiction on the basis of race? If so attach to your answers to these interrogatories a copy of each of the three reports so made by you, the dates of which next precede the date upon which you were served with these interrogatories.
- (12). Do the records kept by your office on convicts make a classification of such convicts on the basis

of race or complexion?

- (13). Are white and Negro convicts under your control or jurisdiction (a) chained together, (b) allowed to sleep together, (c) allowed to attend religious services together, (d) allowed to participate in athletic and other recreational events together, or (e) use any of the facilities of those correction institutions within your jurisdiction in common? If the answer to any of the above is in the negative, state fully the nature of such segregation in the use of such prison facilities.
- (14). Are white and Negro convicts kept at separate prisons and if so what are the names of such separate prisons?
- (15). In those prisons or jails where white and Negro convicts are kept together, are the facilities therein segregated, and if so what is the nature of such segregation?
- (16). Does the Jefferson County Jail have a contract or contracts or other arrangements or agreements with the United States regarding the incarceration or employment of Federal prisoners or any other kind or type of contract regarding such prisoners? If so, please attach a copy of each such contract or agreement to these interrogatories or, in the event such contracts or agreements are not in writing please set out their terms and provisions in your answer hereto. Are Federal prisoners and state prisoners treated differently? How?
- (17). How much money, if any, is collected from the United States pursuant to any contract or agreement for the incarceration, employment or handling of United

States prisoners and the office of the Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama?

(18). Pursuant to such contract or agreement with the United States, or in any other connection, has the office of the Sheriff of Jefferson County ever executed a statement of compliance with Title VI of the Civil

Rights Act of 1964? If yes, attach a copy of such state-

ment of compliance.

- "men and women, except husband and wife, must not be kept in the same room; and white and colored prisoners, before conviction, must also be kept separate and apart, if there be a sufficient number of apartments for that purpose."

  Do you and your office comply with the above provision of Alabama law? If yes, please describe the physical location of the facilities in which white and Negro prisoners are kept separate and apart, and in which of the various jails or prisons within your jurisdiction as Sheriff of Jefferson County?
- jailer or sheriff having the charge of white and colored prisoners before conviction, who imprisons them permanently together in the same apartment of any jail, or other place of safe keeping, if there is a sufficient number of apartments to keep them separate must, on conviction, be fined not less than \$50.00 nor more than \$100.00. To the best of your knowledge, is the above provision of Alabama law regarding the handling and segregating of prisoners in correction and detention institutions being enforced by

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the State of Alabama? (a). Have you, or has anyone under your authority or control, ever been charged with, or convicted of, a violation of the above statute?

- (21). Are those correction and detention institutions within your jurisdiction and authority segregated on the basis of race as provided for by Alabama State law?
- (22). Title 45, Section 177, ibid., requires in part that "the sheriff of each county in this State shall mail to the department...a full and complete statement for the previous month the number of prisoners in jail, or in the town or city prison, designating them by race and sex,..." As Sheriff of Jefferson County, Alabama, do you comply with the above provision of Alabama law?
- (a). In your monthly departmental report do
  you in fact make a classification of prisoners within
  your jurisdiction and control on the basis of their race?
- (23). Title 45, Section 172, <u>ibid.</u>, requires that the county governing body provide "bathing facilities separate for Negroes and whites,." Is the above provision of Alabama law being complied with in those facilities under your jurisdiction and authority?
- (24). Are the bathing facilities in the correction and detention institutions under your authority and jurisdiction segregated on the basis of race in the use and maintenance of bathing facilities?
- (25). Title 45, Section 183, ibid., requires in part that "each county jail or city prison, must be of sufficient size and strength to contain and keep securely the prisoners confined therein; and must contain at least

four separate apartments, one for white men, and one for white women, one for Negro men, and one for Negro women. It shall be fire-proof, properly ventilated,... containing adequate sanitary plumbing, and sewage connections, including separate bath facilities for whites and Negroes." Are all the above provisions of Alabama law being substantially complied with by your office, and in what manner are Negroes segregated from whites in such facilities, and are there separate bathing facilities for whites and Negroes according to the provisions of Section 183?

Respectfully submitted,

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