

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
EASTERN DISTRICT OF MICHIGAN
SOUTHERN DIVISION

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA,

Plaintiff,

Case number 03-72258

v.

Honorable Julian Abele Cook, Jr.

CITY OF DETROIT, MICHIGAN and the
DETROIT POLICE DEPARTMENT,

Defendants.

ORDER

In 2003, the parties to this litigation entered into two Consent Judgments, both of which were designed to address and resolve certain claimed law enforcement problems with the Detroit (Michigan) Police Department. These two Consent Judgments - one entitled *Use of Force and Arrest and Witness Detention* and the other described as *Conditions of Confinement* - were extended for a period of four years¹ by the Court on October 26, 2007.

A major issue within one of these Consent Judgments involved matters relating to the conditions of confinement within the City of Detroit. In addressing the concerns by the Court regarding the status of the progress, if any, that had been made by the Detroit Police Department to upgrade all of its detention facilities, the City responded with a letter on November 14, 2007 in

¹The Consent Judgments were extended by the Court through July 18, 2011.

which it stated, in pertinent part, that “[W]e are confident we will be able to bring all the detention facilities currently in use into compliance with the Life Safety Code within one year.”

Acting upon this representation by the City, the Court, being seriously concerned over the personal safety of those persons who are, and will be, held in custody by the Detroit Police Department, determines that the deadline on which all of the law enforcement detention facilities must be brought into full compliance with the terms and the spirit of the Life Safety Code² is midnight on the last day of December 2008.

IT IS SO ORDERED.

Dated: December 6, 2007
Detroit, Michigan

s/ Julian Abele Cook, Jr.
JULIAN ABELE COOK, JR.
United States District Court Judge

Certificate of Service

I hereby certify that on December 6, 2007, I electronically filed the foregoing with the Clerk of the Court using the ECF system and I further certify that I mailed a copy to the non-ECF participant(s).

s/ Kay Alford
Courtroom Deputy Clerk

²“Life Safety Code” is defined by § I(1)(p) within the Consent Judgment of July 18, 2003, which addressed issues relating to conditions of confinement, as being “the version of the fire safety code promulgated by the National Fire Protection Association and adopted by the State of Michigan and the City of Detroit.”