

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT

SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS

DALE HYDE,

Plaintiff,

versus

TEXAS DEPARTMENT OF CRIMINAL
JUSTICE, INSTITUTIONAL DIVISION,

Defendant.

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CIVIL ACTION H-94-2987

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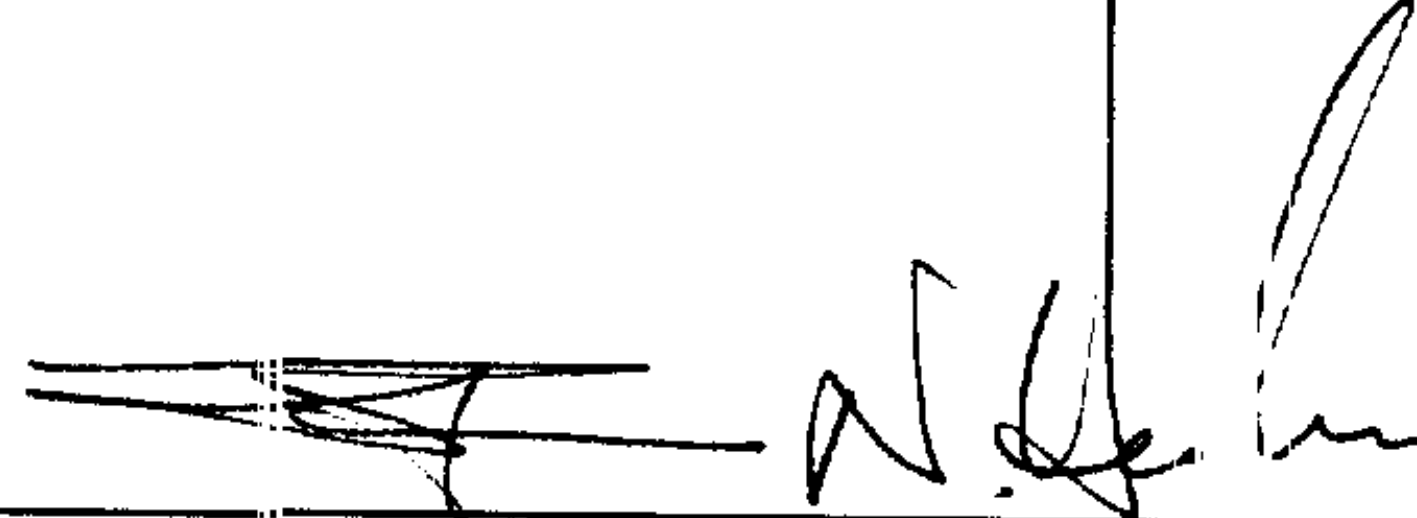
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Final Judgment

Michael J. Milby, Clerk

1. Dale Hyde will be allowed by the prison to attend religious meetings of Jehovah's Witnesses on the same conditions as adherents to other similarly situated groups are allowed.
 - A. When it is consistent with sound, legitimate prison management, Hyde and other Jehovah's Witnesses may meet when fewer than fifteen of them are attending if other religious groups are allowed to meet in groups smaller than fifteen. The limit of fifteen was set as the largest minimum attendance level that the prison could lawfully set; the order does not prohibit the prison from allowing smaller meetings.
 - B. When it is consistent with sound, legitimate prison management, Hyde and other Jehovah's Witnesses may meet without an approved religious volunteer to conduct the meeting if none is reasonably available to attend a regularly scheduled meeting.
2. Dale Hyde will be allowed not to work for ten work days, and the prison will credit him for good time as if he had worked during this time.
3. This order is not in derogation of the existing consent decree about prison desegregation and religious practices entered in *Lamar v. Coffield*, No. 72 Civ. 1383 (S.D. Tex. July 1977).
4. This is a final judgment.

Signed October 23, 1996, at Houston, Texas.



 Lynn N. Hughes
 United States District Judge

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