

IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF GEORGE COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI

TO THE HONORABLE JUDGE JUDGE OF THE CIRCUIT COURT:

OCTOBER 2008

The Grand Jury of George County, Mississippi was impaneled on Monday, October 20, 2008, and files this report. After being impaneled, the Grand Jury received a charge as to its duties, responsibilities and rights by Judge Dale Harkey.

This Grand Jury was recalled and conducted their session on Tuesday, March 3, 2009 through Wednesday, March 4, 2009. The Grand Jury considered a total of 182 counts involving 73 cases and 91 defendants; true billed 145 counts resulting in 55 indictments against 65 defendants; no billed 36 counts involving 25 defendants; continued 1 count involving 1 defendant; and remanded 11 counts involving 10 defendants. A certified list of witnesses who testified before this Grand Jury is attached to this report. The indictments returned have been prepared, executed and delivered to the Circuit Clerk with the filing of this report.

The Grand Jurors toured Rocky Creek Elementary School and the George County Jail. At Rocky Creek Elementary the jurors were pleased to see that the facilities were clean and well decorated. The students were well-behaved and the staff was quite professional and seemed to really like their jobs. The Grand Jurors were impressed with the recently constructed sixth grade building as it was built to blend in with the other structures, and they found the playground in good repair. The jurors did notice some items that needed attention, especially the gym floor, which needs to be repaired, resurfaced and repainted, and the steps leading to the gym, which need repair. The jurors also found sheetrock missing from one of the walls in the bathroom and some exterior wood pieces that need painting. They were concerned for the safety of the students near the pond and would like to see a fence placed around the water. The jurors also would like to see more books in the school library.

At the George County Jail the jurors found the facility to be clean, organized and well-kept. They did not notice any areas that needed repair or maintenance and felt that the facility meets the needs of the county at this time.

The Grand Jury would like to thank the Court for the opportunity to serve our community in this capacity. The Grand Jury would also like to thank all of the individuals who appeared before it during the session and would recommend to the citizens of George County to serve on a future Grand Jury if called upon.

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Regina Graham, Grand Jury Foreperson

The following is a certified list of witnesses who appeared before the March 3-4, 2009 Grand Jury:

The certified list of witnesses is available in the George County Circuit Clerks office.

STATE OF MISSISSIPPI COUNTY OF GEORGE

PERSONALLY appeared before me, the undersigned authority in and for the jurisdiction aforesaid, Regina Graham, Grand Jury Foreperson, who after being sworn by me, states on her oath and certifies that, to the best of her knowledge, the foregoing represents a true and correct list of witnesses appearing before the impaneled October 20, 2008 Grand Jury, being recalled March 3, 2009.

Regina Graham, Grand Jury Foreperson

Sworn and subscribed before me on this the <u>27</u> day of <u>April</u>, 2009.

Chad Welford, Circuit Clerk