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RES VIOLATIONS E.P.A INDOOR AIR QUALITY / HEALTH DEPT STANDARDS

I declare that the following statement is made of my own free will and without any promise or hope of a reward or fear of threat of harm and without coercion and is based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

The Walker County Jail was Built Twenty (20) years ago on top of the old Jasper City Landfill OR Toxic waste dump. For years now the Foundation of the jail have been cracking and deteriorating to the point it floods the lower cell blocks when it rains which is compounded by the roof leaking. The jail has extreme sewage problems on a daily basis and when the lower cells flood it mixes with the sewage and because of the severe overcrowding many inmates have to walk through this contaminated flood water barefoot and in showers slides. All of this causes a stinking black mold which is also in the showers. This jail is also infested with rats, roaches, and spiders. Many inmates have respiratory problems and staph infections. The Health Dept. and Environmental Protection Agency (Indoor Air Quality Division) needs to investigate this toxic and deadly situation.

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WALKER COUNTY JAIL
2001 2ND AVENUE
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County inmate who died in jail identified

From Staff Reports

The inmate who died at the Walker County Jail on Tuesday has been identified as 37-year-old Bryan Michael Freeman.



Bryan Michael Freeman

According to court records, Freeman previously lived in Jasper but his most recent address was in Nauvoo.

Freeman was incarcerated on April 23 by the Jasper Police Department

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Inmate

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after being arrested on two failure to appear warrants, according to a written statement from Capt. Jonathan Winters of the Alabama State Bureau of Investigation.

An April 25 post on the Walker County Sheriff's Office's Facebook page lists several charges for Freeman, including sexual abuse, sodomy, bur-

glary and theft.

Sheriff Jim Underwood requested that the bureau investigate Freeman's death.

A cause of death will not be released until the investigation is completed.

An autopsy will also be conducted by the Alabama Department of Forensic Sciences.

TWO DEAD WITHIN A MONTH!

7-28-18

PLEASE INVESTIGATE THESE HAZARDOUS / TOXIC ENVIRONMENTAL CONDITIONS AT THE WALKER COUNTY JAIL IN JASPER, AL.

County inmate dies at WBMC

From Staff Reports

An inmate at the Walker County Jail died over the weekend at Walker Baptist Medical Center, Sheriff Jim Underwood confirmed Monday.

Underwood said inmate Mark Alan Scott, 52, had health issues and was receiving medical care, but was taken by ambulance to the hospital after his condition worsened.

An autopsy is being conducted to determine the exact cause of death.

Scott was being held on a probation violation.

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COUNTY OF LIMESTONE

AFFIDAVIT

Before me, the undersigned authority, a Notary Public, in said County and State at Large, did personally appear: (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy, who is known to me and after first being duly sworn, deposes and says as follows:

My name is (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy and I am (b) (6) Privacy, (b) (7)(C) Enforcement Privacy years of age and fully competent to make this affidavit which is based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated herein:

I WAS HELD HOSTAGE IN THE WALKER COUNTY JAIL FOR THREE (3) YEARS AND FOUR (4) MONTHS WHICH IS STANDARD PRACTICE IN JASPER, AL. TO LEVERAGE A PLEA BARGAIN, CONFESSION, OR CONVICTION. I SPENT NINE (9) MONTHS IN 2005 IN A HELL-HOLE THEY CALLED M-DORM IN 5-CELL WHICH IS SOLITARY CONFINEMENT. THERE WERE NO LIGHTS IN MY CELL AND AT TIMES PITCH DARK. BECAUSE OF ALL THIS TIME SPENT IN THE DARK AND THE SEWAGE BACKED UP IN MY CELL I HAVE HEALTH PROBLEMS AND I HAVE LOST SOME OF MY EYE SIGHT. WE HAD NO BOOKS, RADIOS, T.V.'S OR PROGRAMS AND THE SEWAGE WOULD BACK UP IN THE FLOORS. WE WOULD GET TO SHOWER ABOUT ONCE A WEEK AND THE SEWAGE WAS BACKED UP IN THE SHOWERS AS WELL -

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SPIDERS WERE A SERIOUS PROBLEM IN THE JAIL AND WHEN I WAS IN M-DORM I WITNESSED INMATES PUT IN A RESTRAINT CHAIR BY THE OFFICERS AND TORTURED BY POURING ICE WATER ON THEM, AND THROWING MATTRESSES DOWN ON THEM FROM THE UPPER TIER - SOMETIMES THEY WOULD BE LEFT IN THE RESTRAINT CHAIR ALL DAY LONG. IN 2006 I WITNESSED AN INMATE BY THE NAME DAVID DUTTON CONTRACT A VERY SEVERE CASE OF STAPH INFECTION FROM SPIDER BITES AND RAW SEWAGE AT WHICH TIME HE STARTED TO LOOSE ALOT OF WEIGHT. THE JAIL ADMINISTRATION DID NOTHING BUT GIVE HIM TYLENOL EVEN THOUGH IT BECAME OBVIOUS HE NEEDED TO BE IN THE HOSPITAL. THEY JUST HURRIED UP AND SENT HIM TO PRISON WHERE HE SOON DIED FROM HIS INFECTIONS - THIS WAS A SLOW PAINFUL DEATH DUE TO PURE NEGLECT - PLEASE INVESTIGATE THE WALKER COUNTY JAIL AND THE INHUMANE CONDITIONS.

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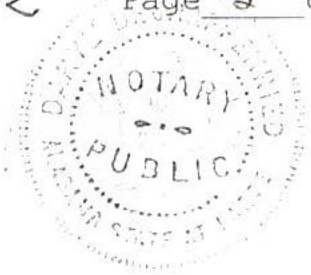
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Paul Negrafford
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At the Walker County Jail most cell doors are broken and there is no light's in most cells. There is alot of sewage problem's and Black Mold in the shower's. We lived in bug and spider infested dorms where spider bites and staph infection's were common. It was almost impossible to get any kind of medical or dental treatment at the Jail. I could never get any treatment For my stomach problems, cholesterol, or kidney stones. I saw many inmates suffer From lack of medical and dental treatment. We weren't allowed any books, T.V.s, news, or access to a law library. our mail and legal visit's were censored and I never saw any one spray for bug's and we never had a fire drill or

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a fire evacuation plan. I witnessed several gang beatings and I even saw them slam a cell door on an innocent and helpless man's arm and the man never received any medical treatment. These conditions along with the overcrowding and corruption by the Jail officials need to be investigated.

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RE: VIOLATIONS OF RELIGIOUS LIBERTY / FREEDOM AND OTHER CONSTITUTIONAL RIGHTS -

I declare that the following statement is made of my own free will and without any promise or hope of a reward or fear of threat of harm and without coercion and is based upon my personal knowledge of the facts stated herein.

No religious services are allowed at all at the Walker County Jail. Inmates cannot have in their possession a Bible, Book or religious material of any kind as it is considered to be contraband. Also, The Walker County Jail is extremely overcrowded, with people having to sleep on the floor, and some of them have no mattress or blankets. There's many mentall disturbed and mentally ill inmates in this jail that are NOT getting any kind of treatment. Regular medical treatment and basic health care is almost NON-Existant. One would have to be nearly dead to get to see a Doctor. The cells at the Walker County Jail have no lights, and the cell doors will not lock. The Toilets don't work most of the time, And the smell of raw sewage is an every day thing. The showers are filthy, and inmates aren't allowed to shower but one or twice a week. Fights and assaults on other inmates are a regular occurance, and most meals there are hardly enough to live on. All of these matters need to be investigated before more inmates are found Dead at the Walker County Jail.

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SUSPICIOUS ACTIVITY REPORT

Case Report No. 2018-018

WALKER COUNTY CORRUPTION - MALFEASANCE, MISFEASANCE AND NONFEASANCE

TYPE OF INCIDENT: NONFEASANCE DATE: 6-13-18

NARRATIVE: THE WALKER COUNTY JAIL IS AN OLD DILAPIDATED BUILDING WHICH WAS BUILT ON A CITY LANDFILL, (TOXIC) OVER 20 YEARS AGO. TO PAY FOR THE JAIL, THE COUNTY OFFICIALS GOT THE VOTERS TO APPROVE OF A SURTAX OF \$35.00 PER VEHICLE - TAG INCREASE. THIS SURTAX WAS TO SUPPOSED TO HAVE BEEN TO PAY OFF THE DEBT ON THE COUNTY JAIL. THIS DEBT STARTED OUT AT 8 OR 9 MILLION DOLLARS AND HAS SINCE TRIPLED TO 27 MILLION DOLLARS WHICH THIS AMOUNT IS DUE IN 2018. THIS WHOLE MATTER NEEDS TO BE INVESTIGATED FOR MISUSE OF THIS MONEY AND WHY THIS OLD DEBT HAS NOT BEEN PAID OFF IN FULL - BY NOW? THE COUNTY COMMISSIONERS DO NOT WANT TO ANSWER QUESTIONS ABOUT THE COUNTY JAIL OR THE 27 MILLION DOLLAR DEBT. WE NEED AN AUDIT AND AN INVESTIGATION. THESE COUNTY OFFICIALS WHO ARE RESPONSIBLE - NEED TO BE HELD ACCOUNTABLE. THE COUNTY JAIL ITSELF IS FALLING APART... THE LOCKS ON THE DOORS DON'T WORK, THERE'S NO LIGHTS IN MANY CELLS, THE ROOF LEAKS - ITS INFESTED WITH BUGS AND VERMIN.

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WALKER COUNTY COMMISSION

O'Mary named chairman of county's new finance committee

By JENNIFER COHRON
 Daily Mountain Eagle

Members of the county's newly-created financial advisory committee elected David O'Mary to serve as chairman in an organizational meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

O'Mary is an executive vice president of First Bank of Jasper and chairman of the Jasper Industrial Development Board. The other committee members are Linda Lewis, Jack McNeely, Devin Stephenson, Tina Aaron, Terry

Comer, Jim Woods, Jenella Burton and Jeris Crump.

The group gathered for approximately an hour in the Walker County Commission chambers Tuesday to get an overview of the task that lies ahead of them.

The committee, which was created by the commission in November, is charged with developing a set of recommendations that will prepare the county for a \$27 million debt that comes due in 2018.

The county has already paid approximately \$600,000 in interest on

the initial \$1.5 million payment. However, the question of where to find the remaining \$900,000 in 2018 and make debt payments every year thereafter remains.

O'Mary warned his fellow committee members that "nothing's sacred" when considering changes that might need to be made.

"I think what we are going to find is not going to be solved by stopping buying coffee for the breakroom. It's going to be far-reaching," O'Mary

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- David O'Mary, chairman of the county's newly created financial advisory committee



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Walker County Commissioner Keith Davis summarizes the county's current financial situation for members of the newly-created financial advisory committee during an organizational meeting held Tuesday afternoon.

Committee

said.

O'Mary also stressed that the committee is advisory in nature.

"We don't have any authority. We are not going to impose anything on anybody or take anything away from anybody. What I hear as the charge is pretty straight and simple — how are we going to pay this debt back that comes dues in 2018?" O'Mary asked.

O'Mary also suggested that committee members divide themselves

into two teams, one to dig into the county's financial situation as it relates to revenue and the other for expenditures.

Members of the committee were provided with a number of financial documents Tuesday and were encouraged to ask county administrator Cheryl Ganey for any other information that they require to complete their work.

All four commissioners, as well as commission chairman Billy Luster,

were on hand to answer questions Tuesday but are not expected to be present at future meetings.

County officials are seeking counsel from Alabama Attorney General Luther Strange to determine if future meetings must be open to the public.

The committee is expected to meet again in early January. The end of February was the tentative deadline discussed for the committee to issue its final report to the commission.

From A1

County to miss Dec. 31 deadline for publishing financial notice

By JENNIFER COHRON
Daily Mountain Eagle

The county's financial report for fiscal year 2013-2014 will not be published by Dec. 31 as required by law, administrator Cheryl Ganey informed members of the Walker County Commission on Monday.

Ganey said Walker County Treasurer Shelia

Rice is several months behind in reconciling the county's accounts.

"The process is that the treasurer's office reconciles our cash to our bank statements. Once that procedure is done, then it comes to me, and I review everything to make sure that everything balances in our general ledger. Right now, they are in

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the process of reconciling for the month of June," Ganey said.

The published report typically includes a condensed list of expenditures and revenues for all government funds from the beginning of the fiscal year on Oct. 1 to its end on Sept. 30.

County attorney Eddie Jackson advised the commission that releasing an incomplete financial report is better than not publishing a report at all.

"There is not an opportunity for you to say, 'I can't do it.' You have to put out what you've got, I think," Jackson said.

District Two Commissioner Dan Wright said the opinion of one auditor he spoke with recently is that noncompliance would result in a finding on the county's next audit.

Jackson said the portion of the code of Alabama that pertains to the public report does not spell out a penalty for failure to comply, although it does allow for a citizen or the district attorney to bring legal action against the county.

said.

Rice also noted that the process has also been delayed at times this year by software glitches and a change of personnel in the county administrator position.

Rice said this is the first time that the county has not published its financial report on time since she was elected in 2008.

She did not give a timeline for closing out the financial records for the last fiscal year.

"I can assure you that we are working feverishly to get this done," Rice said.

In other action, the commission

•agreed to consider contracting with Rice Advisory LLC, a municipal financial advisory firm based in Montgomery.

Managing director Chris Williams said the firm does not charge a monthly retainer and is instead paid through fees once bonds are issued.

Founder Rush Rice added that the firm could provide a wide range of advice to the county on financial issues.

District One Commissioner Keith Davis asked Commission Chairman Billy Luster if he had received an explanation from the treasurer's office regarding the situation.

"I have not," Luster replied.

Davis also clarified with Jackson that the commission's authority to intervene is limited.

"So besides us asking on a weekly basis to get caught up, there is nothing that this commission can do to speed up the process?" Davis said.

"I don't think so," Jackson replied.

The commission did not vote on the suggestion to publish an incomplete financial report because it was not part of the approved agenda.

When contacted by the *Daily Mountain Eagle* after the meeting, Rice said there are several reasons why her office is behind in its bookkeeping.

"My husband was killed in a car accident Jan. 3. I was out for three months, maybe four," Rice

•heard from Probate Judge Rick Allison regarding a new act of the Alabama Legislature that gives counties the option of allowing citizens to renew their vehicle registrations every two years instead of on an annual basis.

Allison said making the switch would hurt the county financially because his office is required to refund unused ad valorem each time a vehicle is traded.

The county would not receive an additional issuance fee.

Allison estimated the financial impact to the county would be a loss of \$240,000 if one fourth of vehicle owners elected to purchase the two-year tags.

The commission failed to act on the matter so that no change would be made.

•appointed Johnathan Appling to the E-911 board.

•made an annual appropriation to the Department of Human Resources.

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