



U.S. Department of Justice

# Civil Rights Division

## Fulton County Jail Investigation Findings

On November 14, 2024, the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia announced findings from our investigation of the Fulton County Jail. We concluded that conditions inside the Jail violate the constitutional and federal statutory rights of incarcerated people.

We hope to work with Fulton County and the Fulton County Sheriff's Office to fix the identified violations and implement change.

**Questions? Concerns? Ideas for reform?**

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### Findings include:

- **Protection from harm.** The Jail does not adequately protect incarcerated people from the substantial risk of serious harm from violence. This includes homicides, stabbings, and sexual abuse.
- **Excessive force.** Jail staff use force against incarcerated people without adequate justification. This includes a practice of deploying tasers without reasonable cause.
- **Exposure to inhumane and unsafe conditions.** The living conditions inside the Jail are unsanitary and do not meet basic constitutional standards.
- **Medical and mental health care.** The care provided by the Jail does not meet basic constitutional standards and exposes people to serious harm.
- **Restrictive housing conditions.** The Jail confines people in unsafe restrictive housing conditions, including people with mental health needs and 17-year-olds. The Jail's restrictive housing practices also discriminate against people with mental health disabilities in violation of the ADA, and they fail to provide due process of law.
- **Special education.** The Jail fails to provide special education services to qualified 17-year-olds who are entitled to them under the IDEA.