



Fulton County Jail Reform



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Background

On January 3, 2025, the United States Department of Justice's Civil Rights Division and the United States Attorney's Office for the Northern District of Georgia agreed to a proposed consent decree with Fulton County and the Fulton County Sheriff. A federal judge approved the consent decree and entered it as a court order. The decree addresses the DOJ's finding that conditions inside the Fulton County Jail violate the constitutional and federal statutory rights of incarcerated people.

What is a Consent Decree?

A consent decree is a legally binding and detailed agreement that outlines what the County and the Sheriff's Office must do to fix the problems within the Jail and protect the rights of the people incarcerated there. This agreement will be overseen by a federal court judge and independent monitor.

Key Reforms in the Consent Decree

Protection from Harm

- Develop plans and policies to keep people safe from violence.
- Improve supervision and staffing.

Excessive Force

- Require staff to use force in line with constitutional standards.

Inhumane and unsafe conditions

- Keep doors and locks in working order.
- Ensure that the Jail is clean, sanitary, and free of pests.

Special Education

- Facilitate adequate special education services to children with disabilities in the Jail.

Medical and Mental Health Care

- Take steps to protect people at risk of suicide and ensure that people receive adequate medical and mental health care.

Restrictive Housing Conditions

- Stop housing vulnerable people in isolation who are at substantial risk of self-harm and other negative outcomes.

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