

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE EASTERN DISTRICT OF LOUISIANA**

L. Shawn Jones et al.

CLASS ACTION

Case No. 2:20-cv-00059

Plaintiffs

v.

MARLIN GUSMAN Sheriff Orleans Parish et al.

Defendants

**PLAINTIFFS' NOTICE OF SUPPLEMENTAL FILING IN SUPPORT OF CLASS
CERTIFICATION**

Today, the United States Department of Justice released its Report on Security and Victimization in Prisons and Jails. DOJ Report. Exhibit 1. This report contains the findings of the Review Panel on Prison Rape. Panel. The Panel held hearings in Washington, D.C. during the fall of 2019 during which Orleans Parish Prison (OPP) was identified as a facility that has reported an unusually high incidence of sexual abuse and victimization. *Id.*, *epa*, *iii*.

The DOJ Report describes in detail the culture of sexual violence and the lack of accountability throughout the OPP. These findings confirm many of the allegations contained in the Plaintiffs' complaint. For this reason, the Plaintiffs hereby file a copy of the Report with this Honorable Court in support of their motion for class certification.

As a result of the high incidence of sexual abuse and victimization, the Panel conducted an investigation of OPP operations. *Id.*, *epa*, *iii*. The investigation consisted of requests for supplemental data from the Orleans Parish Sheriff's office, not provided statements from Sheriff Gusman, who subsequently appeared in person before the U.S. Department of Justice Panel.

The Panel concurs with the DOJ Civil Rights Division which concluded that the Staffing Levels (OPP) are in violation of the 1987 Act. 35395 r 23 7 c 7 2 3 539 e 3

CERTIFICATE OF SERVICE

I hereby certify that the true and correct copy of the foregoing document is filed electronically by Notice of this filing is sent by e-mail to parties by the Court's electronic filing system. Parties may access this filing through the Court's CM/ECF System. A copy is being prepared in the U.S. Mail.

This 9th day of April 2020

Stefanie Schartzmann