

NOTICE: CLASS ACTION SETTLEMENT

Monterey County Jail: Safety, Medical Care, Mental Health Care, Dental Care, Disabilities

Hernandez v. County of Monterey, N.D. Cal. No. 5:13-cv-02354-PSG, is a federal class action lawsuit challenging certain conditions at the Monterey County Jail (the “Jail”), including custody staffing, inmate classification, jail facilities, overcrowding, medical care, mental health care, dental care, and access to Jail programs for persons with disabilities. This action does not seek money damages and none will be awarded.

All adult men and women who are now, or will be in the future, incarcerated in the Jail are members of the class that has been certified in this lawsuit. You are a member of this class if you are an adult incarcerated in the Jail. The Court also certified a subclass of persons with disabilities who are incarcerated in the Jail.

The Court approved the parties’ Settlement Agreement on August 18, 2015. Under the Settlement Agreement, the Jail must develop and implement plans to reform certain policies, procedures, and practices by which it provides security, medical care, mental health care, and disability accommodations to prisoners in the Jail.

Experts in each area will monitor the Jail’s compliance with this Settlement Agreement. Plaintiffs’ attorneys will also periodically monitor the Jail’s compliance with this Settlement Agreement.

The federal court will keep jurisdiction for five years. The County may seek to end federal court jurisdiction earlier if they reach substantial compliance. Plaintiffs may seek to extend the five-year term if compliance is not reached.

If you would like more information about this case, or have any information that you wish to communicate to your attorneys, please contact: Michael W. Bien, Rosen Bien Galvan & Grunfeld, LLP, P.O. Box 390, San Francisco, CA 94104.