

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT FOR
THE SOUTHERN DISTRICT OF TEXAS
HOUSTON DIVISION**

MARANDA LYNN O'DONNELL, <i>et al.</i>	§	
On behalf of themselves and all others	§	
Similarly situated,	§	
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Plaintiffs,	§	CIVIL ACTION No. H-16-1414
v.	§	Hon. Lee H. Rosenthal
	§	
HARRIS COUNTY, TEXAS, <i>et al.</i>	§	
	§	
Defendants.	§	

Statement of Judge Darrell Jordan

There was a time when overtly stating, “There are two Americas” evoked a sense of pride for those who had the privilege of living in the America that valued certain Americans over other Americans. Thankfully, times have changed and there is a movement in many areas to make things equal for all Americans. In the American criminal justice system there is ABSOLUTELY no room for discrimination of any kind. I believe in our Constitution and I fight daily to ensure the principles stated therein are upheld for all people. I write this statement in my bunk at Fort Hood where I am currently serving on active duty. I have dedicated over 17 years of my life to serving in the Army. I not only talk the talk but I walk the walk. I know personally what it is like to be poor. As a kid my brothers and I dug in trash bins at the University of Missouri collecting cans so we could have money to eat. Years later I would graduate from the same university. I benefited from every government assistance program available. This is one of the many reasons I fight so hard to end this system of economic discrimination. Everyone deserves equal justice under the law.

For months Judge Fields and I have been reaching out to all parties in this lawsuit seeking common ground. Despite our best efforts, our co-defendants have refused to come to the table. Rather, they have opted to cry from every mountain top about the dangers of your order and refusing to exercise the power they have to settle this lawsuit. They have left Judge Fields and me no recourse but to work alone day and night to find a solution. Today our combined efforts have been submitted to you. The plaintiffs have pushed and we have pulled but we both sought to do what is just and constitutional. It is my prayer you will accept our proposal.

Respectfully submitted,

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