



November 21, 2022

Kristen M. Clarke  
Assistant Attorney General  
U.S. Department of Justice, Civil Rights Division  
950 Pennsylvania Ave. NW  
Washington, D.C. 20530-0001

Dear Assistant Attorney General Clarke:

On September 3, 2022, Jarrett Hobbs, a 41-year-old Black man, was brutally beaten by four white Detention Officers of the Camden County Sheriff's Office while in custody at the Camden County Public Safety Complex located in Woodbine, Georgia. At the time Mr. Hobbs was brutally attacked, he was unarmed and posed no threat to the Detention Officers or others. Notably, the assault on Mr. Hobbs was captured on the jail's surveillance cameras, in its entirety. (See [full unedited videos](#) of officers with the Camden County Sheriff's Office beating Mr. Hobbs at the Camden County Detention Facility). The videos, which are more than an hour in total length, shows the events leading up to and following the beating of Mr. Hobbs. More specifically, the videos show the Detention Officers strapping Mr. Hobbs into a restraint chair after beating him and slamming him back into the cell; as well as, the footage shows the Detention Officers leaving Mr. Hobbs restrained without ever rendering medical aid or having medical assistance be given.

It is unequivocal and undisputed that Mr. Hobbs' 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment right was brutally violated by four white jailers under the color law. As a pretrial detainee, Mr. Hobbs maintained the protection afforded to him by the Constitution of the United States under the 4<sup>th</sup> Amendment via the 14<sup>th</sup> Amendment.

As recent as August of this year, we called on the U.S. Department of Justice to investigate the shooting of Latoya James, a 37-year-old black woman shot and

killed by Camden County Sheriff Deputies in May 2021. Body camera video of the incident has been released and can be viewed [HERE](#). Civil rights leader and Repairers of the Breach president Rev. William Barber echoed the attorneys' outrage saying the fight for justice in the Latoya James case was a moral imperative as well as a legal one.

We respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division, to investigate the brutal beating of Mr. Hobbs by four white Detention Officers and to bring charges against all involved under 18 U.S. Code 242. Further, we respectfully request that the U.S. Department of Justice Civil Rights Division investigate as to whether the beating of Mr. Hobbs, a Black man, was racially motivated as a hate crime pursuant to 18 U.S. Code § 249.

We stand ready to work with the DOJ to ensure full transparency in this matter. If you have any questions, please contact Harry M. Daniels. ([daniels@harrymdaniels.com](mailto:daniels@harrymdaniels.com) or 678-664-8529)

Sincerely,

*Harry M. Daniels*