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DMH

DMH has been threatened with a class action lawsuit by the Richland County Public Defender's office and former US Attorney Bill Nettles (letter attached) involving criminal defendants who have been ordered committed to DMH by a Court of General Sessions but who are awaiting admission in a county detention center because the Department's secure forensic hospital is full. As of Friday, the forensic inpatient waiting list was 83.

DMH forensic admissions have been under court monitoring by a circuit court judge since 2002. The current judge, Franklin Addy, has been receiving weekly updates from DMH showing the number of defendants awaiting admission. DMH legal and forensic staff also meets with Judge Addy periodically upon his request. Judge Addy and AG Wilson are informed of the threatened litigation.