

**IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE DISTRICT OF MARYLAND**

UNITED STATES OF AMERICA :

Plaintiff :

v. : **Case No. RWT 04 cv 185**

PRINCE GEORGE’S COUNTY, MARYLAND, :

et al. :

Defendants :

NOTICE OF HEARING ON PROPOSED CONSENT DECREE

Notice is hereby given that a hearing has been scheduled at 10:00 a.m. on March 11, 2004 for consideration of a Joint Motion for Entry of Consent Decree that has been filed in the above case. The hearing shall be held at the United States District Court for the District of Maryland which is located at 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Greenbelt, Maryland 20770.

The Complaint in the above case was brought by the United States of America against Prince George’s County, Maryland and the Prince George’s County Police Department under the provisions of 42 U.S.C. § 14141 in order to remedy an alleged pattern or practice of conduct by law enforcement officers of the Canine Section of the Prince George’s County Police Department that is alleged to deprive persons of rights, privileges and immunities secured or protected by the Constitution or laws of the United States. The proposed Consent Decree contains detailed provisions concerning (1) revisions to the Canine Section policy and procedures, (2) establishment of procedures for review of canine deployments, (3) requirements for the development and

implementation of comprehensive canine training curricula and lesson plans, (4) implementation of a system for data maintenance, integration and retrieval necessary for management and supervision of the Canine Section, and (5) the conduct of compliance reviews in order to monitor, report and implement all measures required by the Consent Decree.

A copy of the proposed Consent Decree is available for public inspection in the Offices of the Clerk of the Court located at 6500 Cherrywood Lane, Suite 240, Greenbelt, Maryland, 20770 and at 101 West Lombard Street, Baltimore, Maryland 21201, at the County Administration Building located at 14741 Governor Oden Bowie Dr., Suite 3000, Upper Marlboro, Maryland 20772, and at www.usdoj.gov/crt/split/documents/pgpd/pg_consent_decree.pdf. The proposed Consent Decree also is available on the court's web site: www.mdd.uscourts.gov under News. The offices of the Clerk of the Court may not answer questions concerning the proposed Consent Decree.

After the conclusion of the hearing, the Court will be required to determine whether the proposed Consent Decree is fair, adequate and reasonable, and is not illegal, a product of collusion, or against the public interest. Any person desiring to make comments on the proposed Consent Decree shall do so by making a written submission, not exceeding 10 pages in length, which shall be filed with the Clerk of this Court not later than 5 days prior to the date of the scheduled hearing.


Felicia Cannon, Clerk