

IN THE UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
FOR THE WESTERN DISTRICT OF WISCONSIN

TRAVIC BRECHER and
RENEE HOUSER (formerly Renee Jensen),
individually and on behalf of all
others similarly situated,

Plaintiffs,

v.

ST. CROIX COUNTY, WISCONSIN,
DENNIS D. HILLSTEAD, individually,
and in his capacity as the St. Croix
County Sheriff; KAREN HUMPHREY,
individually, and in her capacity as
“Jail Captain” of the St. Croix County
Jail, KRISTEN ANDERSON, individually and
in her capacity as a St. Croix County
Deputy Sheriff; TERRY LARSON,
individually and in his capacity as a
St. Croix County Deputy Sheriff,
LISA OPEL, individually and in her
capacity as a St. Croix County Deputy
Sheriff, SHELBY LANE, individually and
in her capacity as a St. Croix County
Deputy Sheriff,

Defendants.

ORDER

02-C-450-C

A telephone hearing was held on December 11, 2003, on the joint petition of plaintiffs and defendants for preliminary approval of the settlement. Vince Moccio participated on behalf of plaintiffs. Defendants were represented by Michele Ford. I gave preliminary approval to the settlement and directed that notice to the class be mailed no later than December 26, 2003. Comments from class members are due no later than February 9, 2004, and the final hearing will be held at 12:30 p.m. on February 27, 2004 in Courtroom 250.

Ms. Ford stated that she wanted to do some research on the question whether three new class members had just surfaced and wanted to be added to the class. She is concerned that adding them after the opt-out period might affect the legitimacy of the proceedings relating to the class. We agreed to hold a status conference to discuss this on December 19, 2003, at 2:00 p.m. Ms. Ford is to place the conference call.

Because I have given preliminary approval to the settlement, the trial date is canceled, along with all pretrial deadlines.

Entered this 11th day of December, 2003.

BY THE COURT:

BARBARA B. CRABB
District Judge