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RE: Edwards v. Cofield, et al., Case No. 3:17-cv-321-WKW (M.D. Ala.)
**NOTICE OF FILING AND REQUEST FOR TEMPORARY
RESTRAINING ORDER**

Counsel:

We have filed the above-referenced case in the U.S. District Court for the Middle District of Alabama. I write because I believe you may serve as counsel for one or several of the defendants in this action. The defendants are:

- DAVID COFIELD, in his official capacity as Randolph County Sheriff;
- CHRISTOPHER MAY, in his official capacity as Circuit Clerk,
- JILL PUCKETT, in her official capacity as Magistrate of the Randolph County District Court; and
- CLAY TINNEY, in his official capacity as the District Court Judge of the Randolph County District Court.

We are seeking a temporary restraining order, specifically requesting that Sheriff Cofield be enjoined from continuing to jail Plaintiff Kandace Edwards due solely to her inability to pay a secured monetary amount as a condition of release, unless Sheriff Cofield is notified in writing that there has been a prompt inquiry into Plaintiff's present ability to pay the monetary amount, consideration of alternative non-financial conditions of release, and a finding on the record, where counsel was made available to represent Plaintiff and present evidence, that any condition

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of release was the least restrictive condition necessary to achieve public safety and court appearance..

I am attaching a courtesy copy of the Complaint, Motion for Temporary Restraining Order, Proposed Order, and Memorandum in Support. I am also providing a link where you may access all of the filings in this case, including exhibits. Note that we have also filed a Motion for a Preliminary Injunction and for Class Certification.

<https://splc.box.com/v/Edwards-VS-Cofield>

You may contact me at 334-956-8360, or samuel.brooke@splcenter.org.

Sincerely,



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