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UNITED STATES V. WYANDOTTE COUNTY,
KANSAS, AND OTHERS
PUBLIC FACILITIES
CIVIL RIGHTS ACT OF 1964

Civil trial was begun in this case before United States District Judge Wesley E. Brown, Kansas City, Kansas, at 9:30 a.m., November 1, 1971. First witness for the government was Special Agent James R. Graham, Jr., Kansas City office, who testified concerning statements made to him by defendants Jess R. Boring, Undersheriff, Wyandotte County, Kansas, and Captain Sallee Pacheco, Warden of the Wyandotte County Jail, which was that prisoners were segregated in cell assignments in the jail by white and Negro race because there had been occurrences in the past involving altercations between the two races. While Special Agent Graham was on the witness stand Thomas E. Joyce, former Assistant United States Attorney representing some of the defendants, requested a xerox copy of Special Agent Graham's report made at Kansas City, May 27, 1968, in its entirety. The report included not only interview reports of defendants Boring and Pacheco to which Graham was testifying, but also interview reports of six inmates of the Wyandotte County Jail to which Graham had not testified and who were not potential witnesses. Then Departmental Attorney Richard Bourne objected strongly to the introduction of the report. However, Judge Brown overruled his objection, explaining that he as the Judge trying the case without a jury desired the complete results of investigation by the FBI, since he would be able to determine what facts were pertinent.

Special Agent Robert V. Harman, Jr., Kansas City, was the next witness and his report made at Kansas City, January 29, 1970, was likewise introduced as evidence by the defense over the objection of Departmental Attorney Bourne.