

**IN THE CIRCUIT COURT OF MONTGOMERY COUNTY, MISSISSIPPI**

**CURTIS FLOWERS**

**CLAIMANT**

**VS.**

**CIVIL ACTION NO. 1:20-cv-00150**

**STATE OF MISSISSIPPI**

**RESPONDENT**

**AGREED JUDGMENT**

1. In 2009, the Mississippi Legislature passed and the Governor signed into law an act providing compensation to persons who were wrongfully convicted of, and were imprisoned for, felony crimes. If a Claimant meets the requirements set forth by the Legislature in Miss. Code Ann. § 11-44-1, *et seq.*, this Court shall award the Claimant compensation as provided by law.

2. Section 11-44-7(2)(a) provides that the Court shall award the Claimant Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year for each year of incarceration, excluding any preindictment detention, for a total payment not to exceed Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00). Section 11-44-7(2)(a) further provides that the compensation shall be paid in installments of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) per year until the award is fully paid.

3. Section 11-44-7(2)(b) provides that attorney's fees for preparing and filing the claim shall be awarded to the Claimant's counsel in the amount of 10% of the total compensation to the Claimant, and the fee award shall not be deducted from the compensation due to the Claimant. Counsel for the Claimant is not entitled to receive any additional compensation from the Claimant or any other source.

4. Pursuant to Section 11-44-15, prior to receipt of these funds, the Claimant must sign a release from all claims against the State regarding the incarceration for which the Claimant receives compensation.

5. The attorneys for the parties have announced to the Court that the Claimant, Curtis Flowers, and the Respondent, State of Mississippi, agree that a judgment in this case should be rendered for the Claimant. The parties agree that the Claimant, by virtue of having been incarcerated for nearly 23 years since the indictments in his criminal case, shall be awarded compensation from the State in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00) pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 11-44-7(2)(a), and that Claimant's counsel in this action shall be awarded attorney's fees from the State in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) pursuant to Miss. Code Ann. § 11-44-7(2)(b).

Accordingly, it is ORDERED, ADJUDGED, and DECREED that the Claimant, Curtis Flowers, is awarded compensation from the State in the amount of Five Hundred Thousand Dollars (\$500,000.00); the State shall pay the award to the Claimant in installments of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) each year for the next ten years; attorney's fees in the amount of Fifty Thousand Dollars (\$50,000.00) shall be paid by the State to the entities and in the proportions designated by Claimant's counsel to the Attorney General's Office, which shall not be deducted from the compensation provided to the Claimant; and prior to receipt of the funds, the Claimant must sign a release from all claims against the State regarding the incarceration for which this compensation is awarded.

This the 2<sup>nd</sup> day of MARCH 2021.

  
CIRCUIT COURT JUDGE

AGREED AS TO FORM AND SUBSTANCE:



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SPECIAL ASSISTANT ATTORNEY GENERAL  
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