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Former Jail Workers Sentenced in Inmate Beatings

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John McQueen and Clarence McCoy were convicted May 13 in U.S. District Court in Lexington.

Three other former jail employees accepted plea agreements in connection with the case. ☐

The Lexington Herald-Leader reports that detainees were attacked when they were not "resisting or posing a threat to any officer."

In one incident, McQueen repeatedly slammed a detainee's head onto the triage counter while the detainee was handcuffed.

Several former inmates have sued the jail in state and federal court.

According to a news release from the U.S. Department of Justice, the McQueen and McCoy were sentenced on Tuesday. Each also received two years of supervised release.

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