

Pfeil's Revised Preliminary Charge, United States District Court, Western District of New York in the matter of Akil Al-Jundi, et al. v. Estate of Russell Oswald, et al.

UNITED STATES DISTRICT COURT
WESTERN DISTRICT OF NEW YORK

AKIL AL-JUNDI, et al.,
Plaintiffs,
vs.
THE ESTATE OF RUSSELL OSWALD, et al.,
Defendants.

DEFENDANT KARL
PFEIL'S REVISED
PRELIMINARY CHARGE
Civil No. 75-132

In September 1971 Attica State Correctional Facility was a large maximum security prison for convicted felons located in Wyoming County near the village of Attica, New York. Vincent Vincent was superintendent of the Attica State Prison and Leon Vincent was the assistant superintendent. Defendant Karl Pfeil was the assistant deputy superintendent, having served in that capacity at Attica since January 1970.

On Thursday, September 9, 1971 approximately 1000 Attica prisoners rioted, attacked and injured correctional officers, proceeded to set fires and destroy property, seized 40 correction officers and held them as hostages in a portion of the prison known as D Yard. Two correctional officers and three inmates were killed either during the course of the initial uprising or otherwise prior to the retaking of the prison four days later.

After four days of unsuccessful negotiations in efforts to restore order and lawful authority, Governor Rockefeller authorized that the prison be retaken by force. At approximately 9:00 a.m. on the morning of Monday, September 13, 1971, an appeal to the prisoners to surrender peacefully was answered by threats

Defendant Karl Pfeil's Revised Preliminary Charge, United States District Court, Western District of New York in the matter of Akil Al-Jundi, et al. v. Estate of Russell Oswald, et al. The Revised Charge, dated May 19, 1997, discusses the extent of Pfeil's liability.

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