

Articles Regarding Attica Inmate Lawsuits

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Attica Inmates File 'Flood' of Notices to Sue

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506 Claim Notices Filed by Attica Inmates

By the Associated Press
ALBANY, Dec. 15.—The State Office of Criminal Justice has received 506 notices of intent to sue against the State of New York and the State Office of Criminal Justice because of the Attica prison riot, officials said yesterday. Notices totaling 10,000 could be filed in state and federal courts, officials said. The notices are the result of a class action suit filed by inmates against the State Office of Criminal Justice and the State Office of Corrections.

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