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BLACK FARMERS TO APPEAR IN FEDERAL COURT ON
THURSDAY IN LAWSUIT AGAINST STINE SEED COMPANY

Memphis, TN – Black farmers will have their first official federal court hearing in their class-action lawsuit against the billion dollar Stine Seed Company on Thursday, August 2nd at 2 :00 p.m. It will take place in U. S. District Judge John T. Fowlkes, Jr.’s courtroom on the 9th floor of the Clifford Davis and Odell Horton Federal Building at 167 N. Main.

Thomas Burrell, president of the 15,000-member Black Farmers and Agriculturalists Association (BFAA) headquartered in Memphis, says the farmers are elated to get Stine Seed Company in the courtroom where they can lay out their air tight case of how they targeted and sold fake soybeans seeds to Black farmers. The lawsuit was filed under the Racketeer Influenced Corrupt Organizations (RICO) Act of 1970.

Bishop David A. Hall, an avid farmer and a Church Of God In Christ pastor, purchased nearly \$100,000 in fake soybean seeds from the Iowa-based seed giant. After an extremely poor yield of soybeans during the harvest in 2017, the farmers became suspicious and had Stine’s soybean seeds tested at the Mississippi State University School of Agriculture in Starkville, Mississippi. The test results revealed the germination was zero percent.