



The City of
OKLAHOMA CITY

August 4, 2008

Sheriff John Whetsel
Sheriff of Oklahoma County
201 North Shartel
Oklahoma City, OK 73102

Re: DOJ's Investigation of the Oklahoma County Jail
and Jail Annex, Oklahoma City, Oklahoma

Dear Sheriff Whetsel:

Please be advised that we are in receipt of the report of the above-referenced investigation concerning certain alleged conditions of the Oklahoma County Jail. We also understand that the Sheriff's staff has previously furnished the DOJ a 148-page plan to rectify certain alleged problems identified by the DOJ at their inspection in April 2007. It is understood that the Sheriff has not yet had an opportunity to respond to the allegations lodged in the written report. We also note that the DOJ has given the Sheriff and the Commissioners 49 days to come up with a plan to rectify the alleged problems.

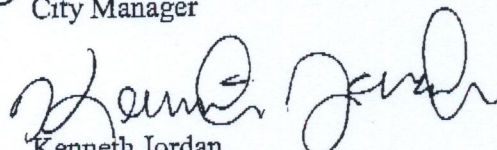
As you know, on July 1, 2008, the City, the County and the Sheriff of Oklahoma County entered into a contract in which the Sheriff agreed to house and care for City prisoners. In such contract, the Sheriff agreed to operate the jail in a manner to meet all standards set forth in Oklahoma State Statutes and the State and Federal Constitutions. The Sheriff also agreed to accept and provide for the secure custody, care and safe-keeping of City prisoners in accordance with the Federal and State standards and laws.

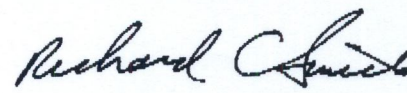
The City of Oklahoma City fully expects the Sheriff to fulfill his constitutional obligations and his obligations under the contract with the City. The City therefore requests that the County and Sheriff Whetsel review and respond to the allegations of the DOJ as necessary or appropriate within the time-frame stated by the DOJ. The City respectfully requests that it be briefed in a timely manner regarding the actions being considered by the County or the Sheriff in this regard, as well as regular updates as to progress made to resolve the issues raised in the DOJ's letter. Finally, the City requests that it be provided with a copy of the Sheriff's response to the DOJ's July 2008 letter when such a response is made.

Please call Assistant City Manager M.T. Berry to discuss this matter as necessary.

Respectfully,


James Couch
City Manager


Kenneth Jordan
Municipal Counselor


Richard C. Smith
Assistant Municipal Counselor

Cc: Oklahoma County Commissioners
Oklahoma County District Attorney, David Prater
Oklahoma City Mayor Cornett and Council Members
Oklahoma City Police Chief William City

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