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TO: SHERIFF MARLIN GUSMAN

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RE: Public Records Act Request

MESSAGE:

[SEE ATTACHED]

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PUBLIC RECORDS ACT REQUEST TO SHERIFF MARLIN GUSMAN

Via Fax (504) 592-4641/ (504) 826-7037 & Delivery Confirmation

Dear Mr. Usry:

The Department of Justice Civil Rights Division sent Sheriff Marlin Gusman a letter on September 11, 2009 detailing findings of an investigation into conditions at Orleans Parish Prison (OPP).¹

This is a public records act request to Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Marlin Gusman and/or the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office (OPCSO) pursuant to Louisiana public records act, La. Rev. Stat. §44:1 et seq., and Louisiana Constitution Art. 12, §3. Therefore, I hereby request any documents detailing any findings by the Department of Justice, its employees, consultants, agents, or experts, regarding any facet of OPP conditions or operations that was received by Sheriff Gusman, OPP or the OPCSO, or their employees and/or agents, since 2007. This request includes any reports or documents written by the Department of Justice-Civil Rights Division's corrections and medical health care experts, both of whom are referred to on the first page of the September 11, 2009 letter regarding conditions at Orleans Parish Prison (OPP).²

If you choose to deny this request in whole or in part, please provide a written explanation for that denial, including reference to the specific statutory exemptions upon which you rely.

¹ As in previous public records act requests from our office, the term OPP should be interpreted to include all buildings and structures used for housing prisoners confined to the custody and care of the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office.

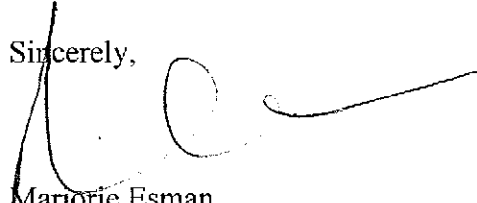
² A copy of that letter can be found at: http://www.usdoj.gov/crt/split/documents/parish_findlet.pdf

Additionally, we request that any and all documents that are available, or that can be made available, in electronic form be copied to the enclosed CD. This request includes any documents that are in paper form but that can be scanned to electronic form, as well as digital copies of any recordings. If any documents cannot be produced in electronic form, prior to making copies please advise me of the cost. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material. Additionally, I am willing to make an appointment to come to your office to inspect or collect the responsive records at that time.

As required by state law, please respond to this request within three business days.

Thank you for your cooperation.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Marjorie Esman', with a long horizontal flourish extending to the right.

Marjorie Esman
Executive Director

cc: Sheriff Marlin Gusman