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**Re: Public Records Request of January 5, 2011 directed to OPSO**

Dear Ms. Esman:

We are in receipt of Public Records request dated January 5, 2011, which was directed to Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff Marlin Gusman. In your request, you sought the *"disclosure of any and all record(s) ... created after August 29, 2005, that constitute: 1. A study, report, or calculation generated by the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office to (a) predict the Parish's future prisoner population and/or (b) identify an optimal size for the Parish's detention facilities[;] 2. A study, report, or calculation commissioned by the Orleans Parish Criminal Sheriff's Office to (a) predict the future prisoner population and/or (b) identify an optimal size for the Parish's detention facilities. This request does not include any work commissioned by the [Criminal Justice Working Group convened by Mayor Mitch Landrieu;] 3. A description or summary of one or more studies, reports, or calculations responsive to requests 1 or 2 above[; and] 4. Data or data compilations relied upon by one or more studies, reports, or calculations responsive to requests 1 or 2 above.*

After consultation with the Sheriff's Office, we must inform you that the Sheriff's Office has no records that would be responsive to this request in that it did not generate or commission and study or report as identified in your request. The Sheriff's calculation of the future prisoner population was based on institutional knowledge and experience in the operation of the Orleans Parish Jail Facilities in this City. This basis was not reduced to a written report or formal study. Nor were any particular data compilations used to formulate this calculation.

Insofar as there are no records that are responsive to this request, we consider this matter concluded.

Sincerely,



T. Allen Usry

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cc: Sheriff Marlin Gusman