



Office of the Sheriff
Parish of Orleans - State of Louisiana

Marlin N. Gusman
Sheriff

October 6, 2010

Honorable Mitchell Landrieu, Mayor
City of New Orleans
1300 Perdido Street
New Orleans, LA 70112

Dear Mayor Landrieu:

We have estimated that funding provided by the City of New Orleans for security at Orleans Parish Criminal Court will be depleted during the month of October, 2010. We have asked for additional funding in order to continue securing the courtrooms, judges, juries, lawyers and citizens who visit the Orleans Parish Criminal Court Building. No action has been taken as of this date. Unless additional funds of \$500,000 are appropriated for the security services performed by the deputies of the Orleans Parish Sheriff's Office, we will be forced to curtail the hours of operation of the courts in an attempt to reduce the funding shortfall. These changes will take effect on October 25, 2010.

By law, the Sheriff's Department is only required to be present in the courtrooms. All other security provided by the deputies of the Sheriff's Department, including Building Security, will be eliminated on October 25, 2010.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Marlin N. Gusman". The signature is written in a cursive style and is followed by a long horizontal line.

Marlin N. Gusman
Sheriff

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Cc: All Criminal Court Judges
All Member of City Council
Mr. Andrew D. Kopplin, First Deputy Mayor & CAO
Honorable Leon Cannizzaro, District Attorney