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Sheriff Adrian Garcia
Harris County Sheriff's Office
1200 Baker Street
Houston, TX 77002

Dear Sheriff Garcia,

Our office received an anonymous complaint regarding the conditions of confinement for Inmate Deterrius "Terry" Goodwin, who was previously incarcerated within your system. We have reviewed the initial submission of documents by the Harris County Sheriff's Office. In order to ensure that all relevant information has been submitted, we will await your notification that the investigation has been completed before rendering a final determination. However, I have instructed staff to classify the Harris County Jail System as "at risk" due to these extenuating circumstances. "At risk" means your facility is subject to additional compliance monitoring activities until this issue is resolved to our satisfaction. Further, we request that you immediately submit your self-initiated corrective plan of action.

If you have any questions regarding this issue, please contact either myself or Assistant Director Shannon Herklotz.

Respectfully,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Brandon S. Wood".

Brandon S. Wood
Executive Director

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cc: Judge Ed Emmett, Harris County
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Mission Statement

To empower local government to provide safe, secure and suitable local jail facilities through proper rules and procedures while promoting innovative programs and ideas.
The Commission on Jail Standards welcomes all suggestions and will promptly respond to all complaints directed against the agency or any facilities under its purview.