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October 5, 2015

Sheriff George W. Lavender Jr.
Ross County Jail
28 North Paint St.
Chillicothe, Ohio 45601

RE: 2015 Annual Jail Inspection

Dear Sheriff Lavender:

In accordance with Section 5120.10 of the Ohio Revised Code and Executive Order 92-03 of the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction, the Ross County Jail, a full-service jail facility, was inspected on September 10th and 11th, 2015. The inspection was restricted to assessing compliance with a group of one hundred and seventeen (117) standards, selected from the Standards for Jails in Ohio promulgated by the Department of Rehabilitation and Correction. The group of standards being inspected focused on reception and release, classification, security, housing, sanitation and environmental conditions, communication, visitation, medical and mental health, food service, recreation, inmate discipline, administrative segregation, grievance, staffing, and staff training. Please note that this inspection does not reflect a comprehensive evaluation of the overall jail condition. The inspection consisted of this Inspector receiving and/or reviewing requested documentation and/or materials, touring selected areas of the jail, and having a brief interview with Jail Administrator – Captain Glenn Detty, Lt. Large and Sgt. Hayburn.

The total actual general housing capacity for the Ross County Jail is (192), consisting of (139) adult males and (46) adult females, (0) mixed (either adults or juveniles), and (7) special housing beds. On the date of the jail inspection, there were (167) inmates incarcerated in the Ross County Jail. The Ohio Department of Rehabilitation and Correction recommended housing capacity for the jail is (102), which is based upon total available living space and other requirements. Officials should maintain prisoner counts within the Department's recommended capacity figure. The Ross County Jail (FS) is in compliance with the following standards:

5120:1-8-01(A)(1); -01(A)(3); -01(A)(4); -01(A)(7); -01(A)(9); -01(A)(12); -02(B)(1); -02(B)(4); -02(D); -03(A)(1); -03(A)(3); -03(A)(4); -03(A)(5); -03(A)(6); -03(A)(7); -03(B)(2); -03(B)(4); -03(B)(5); -03(B)(6); -03(B)(7); -03(B)(10)(a); -03(B)(10)(b); -03(B)(10)(c); -03(B)(10)(d); -03(B)(11)(b); -03(B)(11)(c); -03(B)(12); -03(B)(15); -03(B)(16); -03(B)(17)(a); -04(C); -04(D); -04(E); -04(F); -04(H); -04(J); -04(A)(4)(K); -05(A); -05(B); -05(C); -05(E); -05(G)(1); -05(G)(2); -05(H)(3); -05(I); -05(J); -05(K); -05(L); -05(M); -05(N); -05(O); -05(P); -05(Q); -06(B); -06(C); -06(G); -07(A); -07(D); -07(E); -07(H); -07(I); -09(A); -09(B); -09(C)(1); -09(D); -09(E); -09(F); -09(G); -09(H); -09(J); -09(K); -09(M); -09(N); -09(P); -09(Q); -09(R); -09(U); -09(V); -09(W); -09(X); -10(A); -10(B); -10(C); -10(D); -10(E); -10(G)(1);

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-10(G)(2); -11(A); -11(B); -11(E); -12(B); -12(C); -12(F); -12(G); -12(H); -15(B); -15(D); -15(E); -16(A); -17(D); -17(E); -17(F); -17(G); -18(A); -18(B); -18(C); -18(D); -18(E).

The Ross County Jail did not comply with (6) of the standards upon which the facility was inspected. This letter is intended to serve as a basis for developing plans of action for bringing the facility into compliance with the deficiencies noted during the inspection.

5120:1-8-02(B)(2)(Important): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure violent and non-violent inmates are not placed in the same cell or unsupervised areas together. On the date of the inspection, this requirement was not supported by policy and procedures.

5120:1-8-03(B)(8)(Important): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure special needs inmates are recognized and that the jail addresses the management of those inmates with special needs. On the date of the inspection, the current policy does not specifically cover special needs inmates. It was also noted and discussed with jail administration during the inspection that the jail does not have handicapped accessible furnishings for those in need (e.g., wheelchairs, toilets, showers, etc.).

5120:1-8-03(B)(9)(Essential): Each full-service jail shall have written policies, procedures and practices to ensure to inmates in physical restraints shall be personally checked by staff every ten minutes. The report of the use of physical restraints shall be reviewed and signed off by a non-involved supervisor or higher ranking personnel. The use of physical restraints shall be reviewed for compliance by the jail administrator or designee. On the date of the inspection, the times staff checked the inmates in restraints exceeded the ten minutes required by this Ohio Jail Standard. A plan of action has been forwarded by the jail administrator after the inspection. The Bureau of Adult Detention is awaiting training documents/sign in sheets from the jail that evidence that all staff have been trained in the policy, procedures and practices relating to this Jail Standard.

5120:1-8-04(A)(4)(A)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure prisoners in dormitories are provided with sufficient dayroom space as mandated by the Ohio Jail Standards. All dormitory spaces must provide housed prisoners with at least 35 square feet of day space per prisoner. The jail has exceeded the Bureau Recommended Capacity for their facility and there is not the required amount of day space for each inmate.

5120:1-8-04(B)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure seating shall be provided in holding areas, housing cells, dormitories, dayrooms and eating areas for each inmate. At their current capacity, the jail does not provide sufficient seating for inmates.

5120:1-8-04(G)(Important): Each full-service jail shall ensure shower facilities are available, at a minimum of one operable shower for every twelve occupants. Water temperatures shall be controlled thermostatically

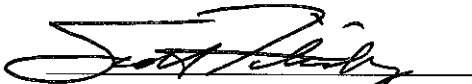
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in a range from one hundred five to one hundred twenty degrees Fahrenheit. There shall be written approval or documentation of appropriate building codes if the ratio is different from 12 inmates per shower. During the inspection, it was discovered that the jail was not in compliance with the ratio of inmates to showers during those periods of time when they were exceeding their housing capacity.

Plan of action forms are enclosed. Completed form(s) and/or corrective materials addressing the noted deficiencies must be completed and returned to Assistant Bureau Administrator Jon Radebaugh (jon.radebaugh@odrc.state.oh.us) within 45 days of receipt of this correspondence. Please feel free to contact me if you need assistance or clarification in this effort. The Department remains available to discuss the aspects of this report or to provide reference materials or assistance as desired.

Sincerely,



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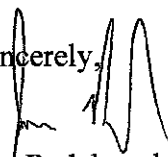
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Dear Sheriff Lavender,

The Bureau of Adult Detention has received the corrective materials you forwarded to our office in response to the annual inspection of the Ross County Jail on September 10th and 11th, 2015. We appreciate your efforts in attempting to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio.

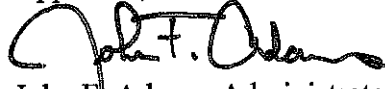
I have reviewed the provided materials. The documentation will increase the level of compliance for the Ross County Jail on specific standards reviewed this year. The facility is now in compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-02(B)(2); and -03(B)(9). The facility remains out of compliance with Jail Standards: 5120: 1-8-03(B)(8); -04(A)(4)(A); -04(B); and -04(G). As a result, the Ross County Jail is now compliant with 100% of the Essential Standards and at least 90% of the Important Standards making it a “Compliant Jail”.

Your continuing effort to maintain compliance with the Standards for Jails in Ohio is to be commended. The Bureau encourages the jail to correct the remaining deficiencies noted in the inspection report prior to the next jail inspection. Congratulations and thank you for your cooperation in the 2015 annual inspection process.

Sincerely,


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