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PLEASE REPLY TO

Dear Public Defender Client:

The Sheriff of Polk County has informed us that beginning Thursday, July 1st, all phone calls from the Polk County Jail, **including phone calls to this office**, will be monitored and recorded. Each prosecutor has access to the recordings and their office regularly reviews the recordings to determine if you have said anything that they can use against you in court.

Because of this, the Office of the Public Defender will no longer be able to accept phone calls from our clients who are in jail. We are very sorry that we have had to adopt this policy but feel that it is important that we protect the confidentiality of conversations between our attorneys and their clients.

We recognize that it is important for you to be able to contact your attorney. If you need information concerning your case or if you need to speak with your assistant public defender you should complete an inmate request form addressed to this office. You must include, in general terms, what information you need or what type of information you need passed on to your attorney. **You should not include anything concerning the facts of your case.** Your request will be quickly reviewed and appropriate action taken.

We understand that communication between you and your attorney is important. Unfortunately, your attorney does not have the time to visit you as often as either of you would like and, while you have probably experienced some frustration in trying to speak with him/her by phone, that opportunity is no longer available. We regret that this action has had to be taken but I assure you that your case is important to us and we will continue to try to find ways to improve communications.

Sincerely,

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