



Sheriff Grady Judd

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Marion Moorman, Public Defender
Tenth Judicial Circuit
Post Office Box 9000, Drawer PD
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Re: Jail Telephone Call Recordings

Dear Mr. Moorman:

Pursuant to *McWatters v. State*, the Florida Supreme Court ruled that the monitoring and recording of all jail telephone calls is legal. However, Sheriff Judd has prohibited the Department of Detention from this practice until thirty (30) days notice has been served to the Public Defender's Office, Polk County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association, and Polk County Trial Lawyers Association. Effective July 1, 2010, the Polk County Sheriff's Office Department of Detention will begin monitoring all jail telephone calls including attorney/client telephone calls.

Thank you for your attention to this matter. If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to call me at (863) 534-6351.

Sincerely,

Cassandra L. Denmark, Esquire
Director, Office of Legal Affairs

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Attachment (*McWatters v. State*)

- xc: Julia Williamson, Esquire (President, Polk County Criminal Defense Attorney's Association)
- Karen Meeks, Esquire (President, Polk County Trial Lawyers Association)
- John Hendry, Esquire (Interim, Regional Conflict Counsel)
- Wayne Durden, Assistant State Attorney
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