February 27, 2014

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Re: Public Records Request

Dear Mr. Cavatano:

Thank you for the recent public records request you submitted to the Iowa Department of Corrections (IDOC), which I have reviewed with Ms. Lettie Prell. It’s my understanding that IDOC has already complied with your requested information on items #2 and #4 outlined in your February 14th letter and we hope you have found all to be in good order.

In terms of the requested items #1 and #3 outlined in your letter, this information will require a significant investment of staff time and resources to locate, retrieve, tally, and compile into documents that can be sent along to you. IDOC policy AD-CR-04 (attached) provides for a staff fee of $15.00/hour and we are estimating it will take each of the 9 prisons two hours to comply with item #1 and our central office staff 30 hours to comply in going back to 2003 and breaking down the information you are requesting. Total staff time is 48 hours x $15.00/hour, totaling a fee of $720.00.

Due to your fee exceeding $25.00, IDOC policy AD-CR-04 provides for the receipt of payment before IDOC will begin processing the request. Please make your check of $720.00 payable to the “Treasurer, State of Iowa, Department of Corrections” and remit payment to my attention at the address listed below.

Kind regards,

Michael V. Savala

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General Counsel

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