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Green = Received full response.

Orange = Received partial response or waiting on records.

Red = Facility is not cooperating.

Livingston Parish Detention Center

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9/5/2019: Called Warden Ben Ballard at (225) 686-2241 to follow up. I spoke to the Warden's secretary, Kim, who sent me to Dawn at the courthouse. Dawn said the PRA request was forwarded to counsel for review on 9/3/19. Eric Pittman is counsel for the Sheriff's Office. His phone number is 225-664-9500.

I called Eric Pittman's office and spoke to Brandi. She said the records would be sent out by the end of the week (9/6/2019).

9/6/2019: Received a redacted response for Livingston Parish Detention Center from Brandie Hoth at the Pittman Law Firm. It has an invoice for \$18 that I need to take care of.

9/9/2019: I emailed them back asking how much the check should be and to whom to send it to. They responded with the clarification.

9/11/2019: Check was requested from Loyola.

9/19/2019: Sent an email to Eric Pullman's office asking why the records I received were redacted. I also inquired into why the Transitional Work Program documents were missing.

9/25/2019: Talked to Brandi from Eric Pullan's office who said that the office should have a letter out by the end of this week.

Received response to my 9/19/2019 email that cited HIPPA provisions for the redactions and said that the Sheriff's Office does not operate the Transitional Work Program.

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9/6/2019: Received a redacted response for saying that there are no records for the Livingston Parish Transitional Work Program because the program is not run by the Sheriff.

10/1/2019: I called the Transitional Work Program directly. Warden Ben Ballard:
225-686-2241 ext 547

Spoke to Deputy Hood in clerical who tried to connect me. Took a message for me that said I was calling in reference to a public records request I sent in late August.

10/3/2019: At 12:15 pm Kim said that Lock 5 - private corporation: 225-686-3315, runs the program.

At 12:18 pm: I called Lock 5 who said just to fax them the request:
Fax: 2256863318

I sent the fax on 10/3/19 at 1:03 pm. 6 pages, including copy of blank CJ-10 form.

10/7/2019: Calling Lock 5 to see if they got my fax from 10/3/19. It was a 6 page fax that included a copy of the CJ-10 form they are required to submit to the federal government.

Phone number: 225-686-3315

9:14 am: They received the fax. I was told to talk to Katelyn. I left a message for her asking when I can expect the records and how much it will cost.

Katelyn sent the records request to Warden Ben Ballard at the Sheriff's Office because that is who fills out the forms. I asked if she had his number, and she said she could get it for me. She will be calling me back with his direct number today.

I will call Warden Ballard tomorrow morning to check in.

Apparently the records Katelyn forwarded to Ben Ballard were sent to the attorneys who answered my PRA for Livingston Parish Transitional Correctional. They promptly emailed me back on 10/7/19 to say that they do not have the records. I emailed them back on 10/7/19 to say

that I did not appreciate being put in the middle of a private corporation and a public one. I will call Katelyn today.

10/9/2019: This is my Lock 5 problem. Lock 5 thinks the warden makes these records, but the warden thinks Lock 5 makes the records. Going to call Katelyn at Lock 5 to try and get some answers.

Phone: 225-686-3315

10:33am: Put on hold. Katelyn said only one inmate death since Lock 5 took over - and because it is a work release program, that person was DOC. She said DOC handled the reporting to DOJ, but that she had a copy of the sheriff's investigation into the death. I asked her to send me that. She also said she was going to try and get me the CJ-10 forms, even though her office does not file them. She is an angel. Going to call back Friday morning.

Questions: when did Lock 5 take over.

10/11/2019: 4:10 called Katelyn, but she was not in. I will try again on Tuesday.

10/16/2019: Calling Katelyn at Lock 5 for a status update.

Phone: 225-686-3315 Katelyn: 225-435-1386

10:05 am: Put on hold. Left a voice message at 225- 435-1385.
Call back this afternoon.

10/21/2019: Calling Katelyn at Lock 5 for a status update.

Phone: 225-435-1386

9:45 am: No answer.

Phone: 225-686-3315

9:46 am: Transferred to Katelyn. No answer. I'll call back at 11:30 am.

11:57 pm: Katelyn was at lunch. I will call back this afternoon.

4:30 pm: Called Katelyn and she was gone for the day. Calling back tomorrow morning.

10/23/2019: Calling Katelyn to get a status update

Phone 225-686-3315

12:03 pm: Not in. Her email address is: katelyn.cockerham@outlook.com

12:07 pm: Sent email. Call back tomorrow at 10am if no response.

10/24/2019: Katelyn emailed me saying that there was only one death and they are working on getting me the records. I responded saying thank you. Call back in a week if nothing.

11/11/2019: Calling Katelyn to get an update and to tell her that I will be sending her a fax soon.

Phone 225-686-3315

9:17 am: Checking to see if she is in. "Offenders are DOC property." "DOC handled all of that, so we don't have the files." I thought that Livingston was going to take care of it."

Has internal records. Will send to me today. She is still working on getting the CJ-10 form from DOC.

Lock 5 internal records received.

City of Tallulah Jail

8/29/2019: PRR sent to Police Chief Buster McCoy at 500 E. Green Street, Tallulah, LA 70754.

8/30/2019: Chief McCoy called me from (318) 574-3230 to report that the city of Tallulah has not held anyone in its jail for the past five years because everyone is sent to the Parish Jail. I asked him to send me an email with that information and he did. (I saved a pdf in the files).

9/5/2019: I wrote an email back to Chief McCoy asking if his office sent the CJ-9 in the past (also saved in a pdf).

9/25/2019: Called Police Chief Buster McCoy, and he was not in today. Call back.

10/1/2019: Called Buster McCoy. He is out of town. Call back tomorrow. I think he may be screening my calls.

10/3/2019: Called at 1:10 pm Police Chief still not in. She could not tell me when he would be back. I asked to speak to the records department and she said they are not in at the moment. Said that I could call back at around 2 pm.

2:25 pm: Calling back to see if Records Department is there. 318-574-3230
No answer.

2:27 pm: Spoke to Janie who said to fax the records request to her. Fax 318-574-1444
Janie

Fax sent on 10/3/19 at 2:49 pm, 6 pages, with CJ-9 example, to 318-574-1444.

2:58 pm:

Janie called me back once she received my fax and confirmed that they do not house inmates on location. She is going to email me that information on official letterhead by the end of the day.

Follow up on Friday if I have not received confirmation.

10/4/2019: Called at 12:59 pm to ask if Janie received my fax. I spoke to Janie. She is waiting to speak to the chief about something but will get me the letter on the official seal today or Monday. Call back Monday if you don't have anything.

10/7/2019: Calling Janie (pronounce a like Amy) to see if she can get me the confirmation of no deaths on letterhead.

Phone: 318-574-3230

9:53 am: Chief said that he emailed me the information. I asked her to send it to me on official letterhead. She is going to email it to me by this afternoon. I told her I would give her a call back tomorrow morning if I had not heard from her.

10/9/2019: Calling Janie to see what the hold up is on the letterhead.

Phone: 318-574-3230

10:28am: Secretary said that she stepped out and that I could give her a call back in 5 to 10 minutes.

10:52am: Put on hold. She tried to fax it to me at my phone number. I asked her to mail it to me, and she said she would get it in the mail today. I will call her on Tuesday if I have not received it by then.

10/14/2019: I received a letter on letterhead from the City of Tallulah Jail stating that there have been no deaths in the jail.

LTCW

8/29/2019: PRA sent to Warden Chris Stinson at 1005 West Green St., Tallulah, LA 71282.

9/5/2019: I called them at 318-574-5740. I was unable to get an answer, so I called back later in the day and spoke to someone who would not give me her name. She did tell me that Chris Stinson is no longer the Warden at LTCW. The new warden is Cigner. Then she told me to hold and our line was disconnected. I will call back tomorrow (9/6/2019) morning.

9/6/2019: I called and was transferred to the Warden's secretary, Ms. Maybury, who did not pick up. I will call back this afternoon.

9/19/19: I called back and there was no answer.

9/25/2019: Called 318-574-5740. Put on hold. Spoke to Montgomery in Classification who transferred me to Medical. Jones in Infirmary said to call Dana Fodenbury, by that she had stepped out.

10/1/2019: I called Dana Fodenbury: 318-574-5740. Put on hold and she never picked up. Correctional Officer Cotton took down message that calling about public records request that I sent in late August.

10/3/2019: At 1:10 pm: Transferred to inmate records transferred to classification to Medical: spoke to head nurse, Nurse Newton, who said fax it to admin 318-574-9998

At 1:36 pm: Fax sent, 6 pages, including copy of blank CJ-10 form.

10/7/2019: Calling to see if LTCW got my fax from 10/3/19. It was a 6 page fax that included a copy of the CJ-10 form. Contact: Nurse Newton.
Phone: 318-574-5740.

9:23 am: LTCW is the female side of Madison Correctional. I spoke to Nurse Newton who said that she received the fax but could not find it. I am going to send her another fax to her personal fax number: 318-574-9198. I explained to her what the records are. She said that there has not been any deaths. I asked her to try to find copies of the forms that I am requesting any way.

9:56 am: Resent fax. 6 pages with CJ-10 form

10/9/2019: Call Nurse Newton to see if she has my request that i sent on 10/7/19 and when I could be expecting the records.

Phone: 318-574-5740

10:40 am: it rang for about a minute before anyone picked up. Put on hold for another minute. No answer. Nurse station picked up. Put on hold for another minute. She said that she got the fax but still can't find it. She is looking for the fax. I can hear someone else saying, "Here it is." Attorneys are in Rustin, LA. Call administration to find out who the attorneys are. Private company La salle corrections. She says there have been no deaths so she is going to email me a note that says so on official letterhead.

Is going to get this to me today. I will call her Friday if not.

Call LaSalle Corrections: Spoke to Misty and asked where to send. She said James. I asked her to transfer me to James.

Mr. James McCormick

Fax: 318-232-1501

Phone: 318-232-1500

Faxing request today.

Sent fax, 6 pages to Mr. James McCormick at LaSalle Corrections at 318-232-1501. Sent at 12:21 and 12:25pm.

10/10/2019: Nurse Newton emailed me a statement on company letterhead that there were no deaths in the jail. I am going to continue pursuing this matter with Mr. McCormick at LaSalle, just in case he can get me some more specific records.

Calling Mr. McCormick at LaSalle at 318-232-1500

2:02 pm: Misty picked up again. She transferred me to Mr. McCormick's office. I left a voice message. I will call him again tomorrow if he does not call me back today. If he does not answer tomorrow, I will also send him an email after leaving a voice message.

10/14/2019: Spoke on the phone with Brad Calvit. Phone: 318-445-3631. He clarified that he is the person to contact regarding LTCW, MPCC, MPWRP. He is the attorney for LaSalle Corrections. He explained that there have been changes in wardens over the past few months, so that may delay my records. We spoke about which records I was requested. I clarified that I mostly wanted the CJ-10 forms, but that I also wanted internal documents about deaths. He seemed eager to help, but also talked to me as if I didn't understand the law. Gave me scenarios about how inmates get transferred out, etc etc. I said I wanted those records too. He said they would likely be redacted. I said that's fine as long as you cite the law for why you are redacting.

10/15/19: Got an email from Brad Calvit indicating that we spoke on the phone and that the record search was underway.

10/24/19: Calling Brad Calvit for a status update.

Phone: 318-445-3631

10:04 am: Left a message with his voicemail asking for a status update. Email him tomorrow if no call back.

10/25/19: Emailed Ms. McNeal asking for an update.

11/1/2019: Received response!

Madison Parish Correctional/ Work Release Program

8/29/2019: PRR sent to Warden Chris Stinson at 1005 West Green St., Tallulah, LA 71282.

9/5/2019: I called them at 318-574-5740. I was unable to get an answer, so I called back later in the day and spoke to someone who would not give me her name. She did tell me that Chris Stinson is no longer the Warden at LTCW. I did not ask whether he was still warden over either of the other facilities. The new warden of LTCW is Cigner. Then she told me to hold and our line was disconnected.

10/1/2019: Called 318-574-0584.

Deputy Mays - I was put on hold and no one picked up.
Called back and asked to speak to someone in the records department.

Spoke to Lt Lewis - Who sent me to Major Brooks but he is not in today.
Fax number: 318-574-4652
She said that they do not have a work release.

Major Brooks phone number: 318-574-0584

10/3/2019: Fax sent 10/1/19 at 1:57 pm. It was 2 pages addressed to Major Brooks and sent to 318-574-4652.

At 1:42: called Major Brooks at 318-574-0584
Asked to speak to Major Brooks who was not in. Asked clerical person if he could check to make sure the fax went through. Spoke to Major Brooks who could not find the fax. I informed him of the request and he said he would get this cleared with the Warden. I will call him back on Monday to follow up.

10/7/2019: Calling Major Brooks to see if I can be expecting my records soon. He said he wanted to speak to the Warden on Friday about the request. He may need me to send him the fax again as well.

Phone: 318-574-0584

9:49 am: Major Brooks was not in his office. Call back tomorrow at 11:15 am.

10/9/2019: Calling Major Brooks to see if he spoke to the warden about my request and to see if he needs a new request faxed over.

Phone 318-574-0585

10:25am: He did not pick up. I will call him again this afternoon.

Sent fax, 6 pages to Mr. James McCormick at LaSalle Corrections at 318-232-1501. Sent at 12:21 and 12:25pm.

12:40pm - Called major brooks but he was not in. I was told to call back before 4.

10/10/2019: Calling Major Brooks to get an update. Last time we spoke he needed to check in with the Warden.

Phone: (318) 574-0584

2:16 pm: On hold. He was busy. Asked me to call him back. I will call him again tomorrow.

Calling Mr. McCorkmick at LaSalle at 318-232-1500

2:02 pm: Misty picked up again. She transferred me to Mr. McCormick's office. I left a voice message. I will call him again tomorrow if he does not call me back today. If he does not answer tomorrow, I will also send him an email after leaving a voice message.

10/11/2019: Calling Major Brooks to get an update. Last time we spoke he needed to check in with the Warden. He was gone. Calling again on Monday.

Phone: (318) 574-0584

4:12 pm:

Calling Mr. McCormick to see if he received my fax.

4:14: Spoke to Kali who took down a message. I will call back on Monday and send him an email today. Email: jmccormick@lasallecorrections.com.

Sent email today at 4:30 pm with copy of fax (including attachment) attached.

10/14/2019: Spoke on the phone with Brad Calvit. Phone: 318-445-3631. He clarified that he is the person to contact regarding LTCW, MPCC, MPWRP. He is the attorney for LaSalle Corrections. He explained that there have been changes in wardens over the past few months, so that may delay my records. We spoke about which records I was requested. I clarified that I mostly wanted the CJ-10 forms, but that I also wanted internal documents about deaths. He seemed eager to help, but also talked to me as if I didn't understand the law. Gave me scenarios about how inmates get transferred out, etc etc. I said I wanted those records too. He said they would likely be redacted. I said that's fine as long as you cite the law for why you are redacting.

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10/24/19: Calling Brad Calvit for a status update.

Phone: 318-445-3631

10:04 am: Left a message with his voicemail asking for a status update. Email him tomorrow if no call back.

10/25/19: Emailed Ms. McNeal asking for an update.

11/1/2019: Received response! Included a report of one death in 2018. I am sending an email today asking for follow up information about that death.

11/13/2019: Calling Brad to check in about follow up information.

Phone: 318-445-3631

1:31 pm: Left a message with his secretary. Should be calling me back before class at 1:50, but if not, I will call him back in the morning.

11/18/2019: Received an internal report detailing the death of one person who died on 8/7/2018.

Morehouse Parish Jail/Annex/Detention Center

8/29/2019: PRR sent to Sheriff Mike Tubbs at 351 South Franklin Street, Bastrop, LA 71220; Warden Billy Harrison at 250 East Walnut Street, Bastrop, LA 71220; and Warden Robert Tappin Sr. at 6444 Patey Road, Collinston, LA 71229.

9/5/2019: I called 318-281-4141 for the Parish Jail and the Annex. I spoke to James who sent me to Veronica McDonald 318-281-9336 who is in charge of records. Veronica was combative and not sure what I was talking about. She reported that Warden Harrison is working on the request and will get it back to me. She could not give me a time frame. I will call back in a week.

I called 318-874-7855 for the Detention Center and spoke to Warden Tappin's secretary. SHE told me that he was not in right now and asked me to call back.

9/19/2019: I called and spoke to Veronica McDonald who said that she did not handle the filing of that form. Warden Patrick said that they don't fill out the forms anymore and any other questions I could contact _____. She hung up on me. I called back and someone else answered the phone (Veronica answered directly the first time). The person I spoke to said Veronica was headed out the door, but she would go catch her. I was put on hold for a minute. The person came back on and said that Veronica was in a meeting. I explained the situation and she put me on hold again. Veronica McDonald is clearly avoiding me. She is the records custodian, as far as I know and she will not answer my call. Contact usher and weats.

9/25/2019: I spoke to Veronica McDonald who instructed me to call and speak to Usher and Weeks. She did not have a number. I finally found the attorney: it is Usry Weeks & Matthews at (504) 592-4600. I called Usry Weeks who transferred me to Craig Froth. Who said he will check with the facility and see. He was combative.

10/1/2019: Craig Frosch (pronounced 'O' like O in Frost): (504) 592-4600

Spoke to Chief Deputy and he did not have any knowledge of that request.

Asked me to send request; Include contact information.

Cfrosch@usryweeks.com

10/3/2019: 1:52: Called Craig Frosch to make sure he received my email and forwarded it to the Warden. He was away from his desk. I will call back this afternoon or tomorrow.

10/4/2019: Called at 12:57pm to see if Craig got my PRA request and sent it to the jail. He was not in. Secretary took a message. Call back on Monday.

10/9/2019: Calling Craig to check in on request and to ask which facilities I should be expecting records from.

Phone: 504-592-4600

10:10am: Spoke to secretary who said Craig was not in. Left a message for him to call me back. I will call him again tomorrow afternoon if he does not call me before.

10/10/2019: Calling Craig for a status update. Also, clarifying which facilities I should expect records from.

Phone: 504-492-4600

2:06 pm: Spoke to secretary. She transferred me. On hold for several minutes. Craig said that he sent the PRA to the Sheriff's Office and Craig sent an email to check in on the PRA request. The person he was talking to is on the civil side and he now knows he needs to talk to someone on the criminal side (DUH). I had to tell him what the law is. Asked him if he wanted the memo on the law, and he said, "Do NOT send me that memo." I laughed.

Facilities - If they are administered by the sheriff's office, they will be answering. He does not know if the sheriff's office administers each of these facilities.

Research which facilities the sheriff administers (see below). Call Craig for a check in on Wednesday.

Calling Sheriff's Office to find out which detention facilities are operated by the Sheriff's office.

Phone: 318-281-4141

2:20pm: I called and spoke to Pam. I named each facility (The Morehouse Parish Jail, Detention Center, and Jail Annex) and she said that the Morehouse Parish Sheriff's Office operates each one.

10/16/2019: Calling Craig for an update. Last we spoke, he had sent the request to the wrong person.

Phone: 504-592-4600

10:22am: He was not in. I will call him back tomorrow.

10/21/2019: Calling Craig for an update.

Phone: 504-592-4600

9:49 am: "He's not in right now."

9:53 am: I sent him an email requesting a status update.

I will call him tomorrow afternoon if I do not receive a response.

10/23/2019: I received a response for years 2014-2018. Because the Sheriff filed one form that encompassed each of these three facilities for each year, there is no way to parse out how many people were located in each facility. However, it is clear which facility was holding the people who died.