FLORENCE COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE

TJ Joye, Sheriff

July 21, 2022

Ms. Lauren A. Hoyns
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(via email lhoyns@email.sc.edu)

Re: Freedom of Information Act Request
FOIA Request No.: 2022-081

Dear Ms. Hoyns:

This letter will acknowledge your correspondence dated May 27, 2022 requesting documents and information pursuant to the South Carolina *Freedom of Information Act.* We received this request on May 27, 2022. Specifically, you requested the following:

- Any and all copies of permanent records of deaths and circumstances surrounding such deaths of persons incarcerated or in the custody of each individual institution. This should include the names of individuals who have died in custody due to suicide, overdose, homicide, or any other reason, as well as the date, time, and location of death;

- Any and all copies of records submitted to the United States Department of Justice, Bureau of Justice Statistics, and/or Bureau of Justice Assistance concerning or detailing deaths of persons while incarcerated or in custody for each individual institution during calendar years 2015 through 2021. Relevant reports may include:

- NPS-4A- State Prison Inmate Death Report;
- NPS-4- Annual Summary of Inmate Deaths in State Prisons;
- NPS-4- MCI Annual Summary of Inmate Deaths in State Prisons;
- DCRA Performance Measure Questionnaire form for each death reported by this institution; AND;
- Any data entered in the United States Department of Justice Bureau of Justice Assistance (BJA) Performance Measurement of Tool (PMT) at https://bjapmt.ojp.gov by this institution or by anyone else on behalf of your institution.

We do not maintain a list or file specifically containing this information. As a result, the information below is compiled from a search of various files and sources, some within our office

and some without, and represents our best effort to fully and accurately respond to your request. In response, please see the following:

- Jessica Joy Kennedy, 31 YO, WF, Booking Date 12-09-15, DOD 12-11-15, Heroin overdose.
- Joseph Matthews, 55 YO, WM, Booking Date 05-18-16, DOD 06-30-16, Internal Bleeding.
- Gerald Bush, 51 YO, WM, Booking Date 06-24-16, DOD 06-25-16, Methadone toxicity.
- Kevin L. Gordon, 41 YO, BM, Booking Date 02-21-18, DOD 10-19-18, Bowel Obstruction.
- Erskine McClam, 61 YO, BM, Booking Date 12-26-18, DOD 12-27-18, Sudden Unexpected Death.
- Lloyd Bradley Turner, 44 YO, WM, Booking Date 10-03-19, DOD 10-06-19, Suicide (hanging).

We trust that this information satisfies your request for information pursuant to the Act. Please be advised that pursuant to *S.C. Code Ann. 30-2-50* the use of public records for commercial solicitation is prohibited and punishable by a fine up to $500.00 or one year in jail, or both.

Should you have any questions regarding any of the above, please call.

Sincerely,

Michael M. Nunn

Major Michael M. Nunn
General Counsel/P.I.O.