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Celeste Dobbs
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~~Dear Ms. Dobbs,~~

Your letter to Secretary McNeil was forwarded to the Office of General Counsel for review. In your letter, you reference your son, inmate John W Dobbs, DC# C00618, currently housed at Apalachee East Unit, and raise several concerns.

First, as to your claims that no charges exist against your son because the court documentation is not signed, please note that the department is not responsible for sentencing or other actions of a court. I suggest that you contact either the attorney or public defender who represented Mr. Dobbs and obtain clarification from that individual on your son's sentence. In the alternative, the Orange County Clerk's Office may be able to assist you. Make sure that you have the case number available when you contact the Public Defender's Office or the Clerk's Office.

Second, regarding your son's medical issues, your son may request to be seen by health services at the Apalachee East Unit and he has been made aware of the procedures on how to make that request. I cannot discuss medical issues or diagnoses regarding your son as that information is confidential and protected by law; however, I can assure you that medical care is available to all inmates who need it and avail themselves of it.

Third, if your son feels that any disciplinary charges brought against him are unfounded, he may file a grievance. He has been made aware of those procedures as well. The grievance process provides the inmate with an opportunity to have the issue reconsidered and provides additional means for internal resolution of problems and improving lines of communication.

Finally, please rest assured that the department will fully comply with all laws, rules, procedures and policies relating to the care, custody and control of our inmate population. This includes providing a safe and humane environment for all inmates. I hope that you find this information helpful.

Sincerely,

Kathleen Von Hoene, General Counsel

cc: Secretary Walter McNeil
Richard Davison, Deputy Secretary
George Sapp, Assistant Secretary of Institutions
Sam Culpepper, Warden, Apalachee East Unit