

April 27, 2010

Joe Washington Jr., Superintendent
Muskogee County Regional Juvenile
Detention Center
601 W. Shawnee Street
Muskogee, Oklahoma 74401-3521

Re: Muskogee County Regional Juvenile Detention Center
OJSO Unannounced Visit, 2010

Dear Mr. Washington:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit at the Muskogee County Regional Juvenile Detention Center on April 19, 2010. The OJA contracted with the Muskogee County Board of Commissioners for juvenile detention services. The center was certified by the Office of Public Integrity (OPI) of the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for ten juveniles. On the days of the OJSO visit, the census was nine. In addition, the information from this oversight visit was obtained for reporting in the OJSO systemic review regarding room confinement at Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) facilities.

During the oversight visit, the OJSO spoke with staff, residents, and reviewed documents and files. There were no violations or concerns noted from the inspection. During the exit conference, the OJSO noted the facility's rare use of room confinement, room restriction, and wing restriction and the facilities exceptional documentation of all incidents.

A response to this letter is not required; however, this correspondence has been sent to all appropriate state agencies.

Thank you for your assistance and cooperation in this matter. If you have any questions or comments concerning this correspondence, please call me at 405-606-4900.

Sincerely,

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