

February 5, 2010

Al Loughridge, Director
Texas County Juvenile Detention Center
Post Office Box 818
Hooker, Oklahoma 73945-0818

Re: OJSO Unannounced Visit, 2009

Dear Mr. Loughridge:

The Office of Juvenile System Oversight (OJSO) conducted an unannounced visit at the Texas County Juvenile Detention Center on December 8, 2009. The purpose of the visit was to monitor compliance with established responsibilities and facility policy and procedures. The detention center was certified by the Office of Juvenile Affairs (OJA) for six juveniles. On the day of the OJSO visit, the census was one.

During the oversight visit, the OJSO conducted an entry interview and an exit conference with the assistant detention director and an interview with the resident. The OJSO reviewed the file regarding the current resident; the room restriction/room confinement logs and corresponding incident reports for January through June 2009; the Office of the Oklahoma State Fire Marshal's report dated March 23, 2009, and the facility response dated April 17, 2009, regarding the corrective action for the five deficiencies cited; the Oklahoma State Department of Health Food Inspection report dated November 2, 2009; and the Office of Juvenile Affairs division of Office of Public Integrity (OPI) monitoring report dated June 22, 2009. The health department and OPI reports had not cited any violations. During the exit conference, the OJSO advised the assistant detention director that there were no areas of concern noted during the oversight visit.

A response to this report letter is not required. A copy of this correspondence has been sent to the individuals copied below.

Janice Sharp and I appreciated the assistance and cooperation given us during our visit. If you have any questions regarding this report letter, please contact my office at (405) 606-4900.

Sincerely,

Dana S. Holden
Oversight Specialist IV

c: Gene Christian, OJA Director
Jack Strain, chairperson of the Texas County Board of Commissioners
Ted Keeling, County Commissioner
Gary Winters, County Commissioner
Mike Heath, director of the OJA Office of Public Integrity