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Chief Paul Williams
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Dear Chief Williams:

This letter is written notification of a change in Greene County policy regarding municipal prisoners at the Greene County Justice Center. In the last several years, the jail has implemented various programs and initiatives in effort to reduce the growing inmate population. These efforts have been cooperative in nature with many community partners working together. These efforts included the creation of the Pretrial Services Office as well as the decision to house Greene County inmates at other jail facilities, however, these efforts have not succeeded in reducing the population of the jail.

Effective April 3, 2015 at 1700 hours, the Greene County Justice Center will no longer accept municipal prisoners. Pursuant to Missouri statute section 479.180, which states, "If a municipality has no suitable and safe place of confinement, the defendant may be committed to the county jail by the judge, and it shall be the duty of the sheriff, **if space for the prisoner is available in the county jail**, upon receipt of a warrant of commitment from the judge to receive and safely keep such prisoner until discharged by due process of law." At this time, it has been determined that there is not space available in the Greene County Justice Center for municipal defendants. Currently, there are municipal defendants serving time in the jail on municipal sentences and these inmates will be kept in the jail until such time as their sentence is complete or an order is issued by a judge for release of the inmate.

When the jail population reaches a manageable level, you will be notified that the Greene County Justice Center is again accepting municipal prisoners. Please consult with the municipal judge(s) in your jurisdiction to construct a plan for this change. I appreciate your patience and cooperation as we address the jail population in the Greene County Justice Center. I have attached a document that will be provided to the Sheriff's Office staff on how we will be handling this change.

Sincerely,

Sheriff Jim C. Arnott

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