Rockingham County

DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

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September 13, 2016

To: Attorney General Joseph Foster
Subject: County Department of Corrections
From: Commissioner Kevin St. James
         Rockingham County New Hampshire

Dear Attorney General Foster,

On Tuesday, September 13, 2016, I conducted my semi-annual visit and inspection of the Rockingham County Correctional Facility and met with Superintendent Stephen Church.

We toured the building and I reviewed the management, conditions and security of the facility and condition of the inmates housed in the Rockingham County Correctional Facility. I found the building to be clean, and well maintained. The inmates were courteous and appeared to be well cared for and well fed.

At the time of this inspection; I visited C-Block which is under major renovation similar to that which was conducted on E-Block last year and was completed this past Spring. Renovations included updated wiring and plumbing in addition to cosmetics and fresh paint. These renovations are possible due to low Housing counts, which continue due in most part to the Diversion Programs put into place by Superintendent Church. Taking the opportunity of the lower population; inmates are re housed on other blocks while work is underway. Renovations are planned to continue on other housing blocks however will be determined by population levels when the current project has been completed.

Superintendent Church and Jude Gates, the Maintenance Director, continually plan and budget for the up keep and preventative maintenance of the facility and grounds.

Mrs. Gates and her staff do a fine job of maintaining and making sure our facilities are up to code and safe for the inmates, clients, visitors and employees who work for the County.

Major maintenance updates and repairs are reported and discussed at bi-weekly Commissioners meetings on a regular basis.

Sincerely,

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