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Dear Superintendent Martin:

I have had an opportunity to review the "Special Project Conclusion Report" as well as the data upon which that report was based. Although much more thorough analysis of the data would be necessary before reaching any definitive conclusions, I would have to say that the report's conclusion, namely that "the preponderance of the evidence is that abuse did occur and that it was systematic" appears to require further substantiation.

There are, for example, fifty (50) alleged victims mentioned in the data base, derived from eight (8) different sources. There is, however, little corroboration among the data bases, ranging from eight (8) alleged victims in the plaintiff's proffer to only three (3) in the Public Defender's files.

Further, of the fifty alleged victims, there are only 26 with Complaint Register records indicating that investigations have been initiated. Of those, 25 have been closed with no sustained findings; one remains open. This hardly amounts to a "preponderance of the evidence."

In addition, civil suits were initiated in only nine (9) instances related to the alleged incidents. Of those, five (5) resulted in settlements, one (1) in a mistrial, one (1) was dismissed, one (1) resulted in a Summary Judgment for the Defendants, and one (1) is still pending. Again, hardly a "preponderance of the evidence."

According to the printout of the data that was provided, there are a number of other missing data elements. For example, many cases lack the date of the incident, the name of the accused is frequently missing, and there are frequent references to "et al." in the Arresting officer field.

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In short, I find the data base to be limited, full of missing data, and in need of much more thorough analysis. If you would find it useful, I would be pleased to have my staff provide a more thorough examination of these data and to attempt to provide a more systematic method for storing, retrieving, and analyzing them.

Sincerely,



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