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February 2, 2005

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DC Department of Corrections
1923 Vermont Street, NW
Washington, DC 20001

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Re: Inmate Thomas Jones
DCDC No. 276-461

Dear Sir or Madam:

Enclosed please find an Authorization for Release of Medical Information executed by our client, Ms. Jennifer Durham, as mother of Thomas Jones (deceased). Mr. Jones died while incarcerated at DC Jail and Ms. Durham has asked us to make an inquiry into the incident.

On behalf of Ms. Durham, I am requesting a copy of the following materials and documents:

1. All materials and documents in the possession of the District of Columbia pertaining to Mr. Jones' death, including but not limited to:
 - all Significant Incident and Extraordinary Occurrence documents generated and his subsequent medical treatment;
 - all photographs taken of Mr. Jones;
 - all statements made regarding the incident; and
 - all Post Orders for Mr. Jones' cellblock.

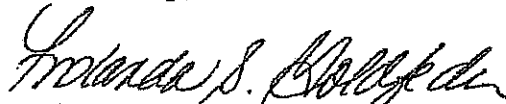
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2. Mr. Jones' entire "institutional medical record" file maintained by the Department of Corrections.
3. Mr. Jones' entire "institutional record" file maintained by the Department of Corrections.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Frislanda S. Goldfeder
Paralegal

Enclosure

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Office of the General Counsel



February 23, 2004

Allen & Sparks, LLP
1822-D Biltmore Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20009
Attn. Frislanda S. Goldfeder

Re: DC FOIA Request – Thomas Jones, DCDC #276-461 (Deceased)

Dear Ms. Goldfeder:

This is a response to your Freedom of Information Act request that was received in this office on February 9, 2005. Your request is for a copy of certain records relating the death of the above-referenced D.C. inmate, as maintained by the D.C. Department of Corrections (DOC). Mr. Jones died on January 20, 2005. You have identified the records sought as follows:

1. All significant incident and extraordinary occurrence documents
2. Photographs taken of Mr. Jones
3. Statements made regarding the incident
4. Post Orders for Mr. Jones' cellblock
5. Mr. Jones' medical records, and
6. Mr. Jones' institutional records.

The DOC Office of Internal Affairs has advised that investigation into the death of Mr. Jones has not been completed. Further, a search for the remaining records that you request has not been exhausted. Therefore, this letter constitutes an extension of ten (10) days to provide a final response to your request.

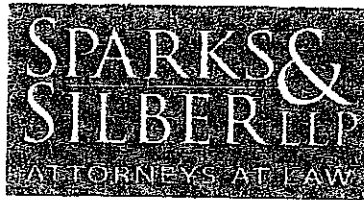
If you consider this response a denial of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Mayor, or you may seek judicial review in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-537 (2001) and 1 D.C.M.R. §412. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal should be in writing, and include a statement of the arguments, circumstances, or reasons in support of the information sought in your request. You should also include a copy of the agency's written denial letter issued to you.

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Sincerely,

Handwritten signature of Oluwasegun Obebe in black ink.

Oluwasegun Obebe
FOIA/Privacy Officer



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June 30, 2005

Via Facsimile

Mr. Oluwasegun Obebe
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Office of the General Counsel
DC Department of Corrections
1923 Vermont Avenue, NW
Washington, DC 20001



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Re: *DC FOIA Request*
Thomas Jones (deceased)
DCDC No. 276-461

Dear Mr. Obebe:

This letter is in response to your letter of February 23, 2005 (a copy of which is attached) and our conversations of June 28th and today regarding the above referenced FOIA Request.

On February 2, 2005, I requested a copy of the following documents and materials:

- 1) all Significant Incident and Extraordinary Occurrence documents generated as a result of Mr. Jones' death on January 20, 2005;
- 2) all photographs taken of Mr. Jones;
- 3) all statements regarding the incident;
- 4) all post orders for Mr. Jones' cellblock;
- 5) a complete copy of Mr. Jones's institutional medical records; and
- 6) a complete copy of Mr. Jones's institutional

Mr. Oluwasegun Obebe
FOIA/Privacy Officer
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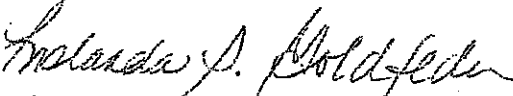
records.

In your letter of February 23, 2005, you indicated that the January 20, 2005 incident was under investigation. To date, I have not received any of the requested documents. In our conversations on June 28th and today, you indicated you were checking on the status of the investigation. Please note that it is almost five months since the date of the incident.

I would appreciate it if you could provide me with the requested documents without delay.

Thank you.

Sincerely,


Frislanda S. Goldfeder
Paralegal

Enclosures

GOVERNMENT OF THE DISTRICT OF COLUMBIA
DEPARTMENT OF CORRECTIONS

Office of the General Counsel

July 12, 2005

Frislanda S. Goldfeder
Sparks & Silber, LLP
3221 M Street, NW
Washington, D.C. 20007

Re: DC FOIA/HIPAA Request – Thomas Jones (deceased), DCDC #276-461

Dear Ms. Goldfeder:

This is a follow-up response to your request that was received in this office on February 9, 2005. In the request, you are asking for a copy of the following records in regard to the above-referenced inmate and his death on January 20, 2005.

1. All significant incident and extraordinary occurrence records
2. Photographs taken of Mr. Jones
3. Statements made regarding the incident
4. Post Orders for Mr. Jones' cellblock
5. Mr. Jones' medical records, and
6. Mr. Jones' institutional records.

In a response of February 23, 2004, you were advised that Mr. Jones' death was under investigation and therefore most of the records you requested could not be disclosed. The investigation has since been completed and the report is now disclosable. Staff persons have found and copied Items 1, 2, 3 & 5. Please note that the names of employees as well as the names, DCDC #s and cell locations of the inmates in Mr. Jones' housing unit have been deleted for privacy and security considerations. These records are ready to be mailed to you upon receipt of the required fee calculated as follows:

Photocopying -	106 pages @ \$.25 per page	-	\$26.50
Search and Retrieval -			\$10.00
Total amount due		-	\$36.50

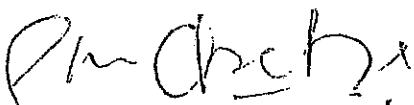
You should make your check payable to the D.C. Treasurer and mail or hand deliver it to: Oluwasegun Obebe, Records, Information & Privacy Officer, D.C. Department of Corrections, 1923 Vermont Avenue, NW, Suite N216, Washington, D.C. 20001. Once

your remittance has been received, the documents will be mailed to you. If you prefer to pick up the documents, however, please let me know by calling (202) 671-2055.

Item 6 (Institutional File) is in the process of being retrieved from the archives, and Item 4 (Post Order) will also be copied for you. As soon as these additional records are available, you will be notified. Finally, you need to submit a disclosure authorization, which fully reflects the requirements of the Health Insurance Portability and Accountability Act of 1996 (HIPAA).

If you consider this response a denial of your request, you have the right to appeal to the Mayor, or you may seek judicial review in the Superior Court of the District of Columbia, pursuant to D.C. Official Code §2-537 (2001) and 1 D.C.M.R. §412. If you elect to appeal to the Mayor, your appeal should be in writing, and include a statement of the arguments, circumstances, or reasons in support of the information sought in your request. You should also include a copy of the agency's written denial letter issued to you.

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