

Public Records Act Request - Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center

Frazier, Donna <dfrazier@caddo.org> To: Wed, Sep 16, 2020 at 10:08 AM

Cc: "Walker, Clay" <cwalker@caddo.org>

Mr. Bonds, the Juvenile Detention Center had no deaths during the time period specified. Thank you.

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Sent: Tuesday, September 15, 2020 11:32 AM
To: Frazier, Donna <dfrazier@caddo.org>
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Subject: Re: Public Records Act Request - Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center

Hi Ms. Frazier and Mr. Walker,

I hope you've both been well. I am writing to follow up on my email from Septemeber 6th. Can either of you confirm, in writing via response to this email, that the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center has had zero deaths in custody from January 1, 2019, to September 1, 2020?

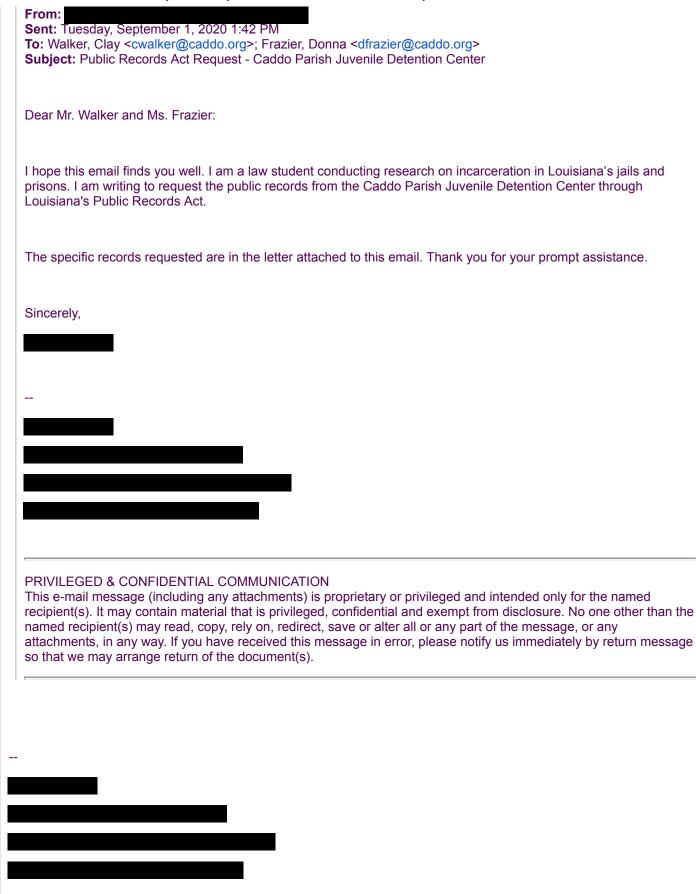
Thanks,

On Sun, Sep 6, 2020 at 4:06 PM wrote:

Ms. Frazier,

Thank you for this information. Can you or Mr. Walker confirm that the Caddo Parish Juvenile Detention Center has had zero deaths in custody from January 1, 2019 to September 1, 2020?

Thank you,
On Tue, Sep 1, 2020 at 3:12 PM Frazier, Donna <dfrazier@caddo.org> wrote:</dfrazier@caddo.org>
Please be advised that Caddo Parish does not have any record responsive to your request. Also please be advised that it is my interpretation that the CJ-9 does not apply to juvenile facilities, as they are not correctional facilities as defined by the Bureau of Justice Statistics. The Bureau defines corrections as those detained for crimes. Juveniles are detained pending adjudications of delinquency as opposed to detained pending conviction. (see link below for BJS definition of corrections):
https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=tp&tid=1
Additionally, according to the BJS website, collection for deaths in state juvenile correctional facilities was discontinued in 2006. It is my understanding that OJJ still reports deaths in their state facilities, but I am unsure which form they use, because the last juvenile reporting form available is a 2007 form (not a CJ-9).
https://www.bjs.gov/index.cfm?ty=dcdetail&iid=243
https://www.bjs.gov/content/pub/pdf/nps507.pdf
We have previously attempted to, but have not been able to find local juvenile detention facilities within the state that submit the CJ-9 or comparable forms for juveniles. If you have forms from other local juvenile facilities, it would be great if you could share those. Thank you.
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