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The Honorable Bob Dick
Chairman
Tulsa County Board of Commissioners
500 S. Denver
Tulsa, OK 74103

Dear Mr. Chairman:

I am writing to inform you of our intention to investigate conditions at the Tulsa County Jail in Tulsa, Oklahoma. The investigation is pursuant to the Civil Rights of Institutionalized Persons Act, 42 U.S.C. § 1997 et seq.

The purpose of the investigation will be to determine whether conditions at the Tulsa County Jail (including the facilities at the county courthouse, Adult Detention Center, and city courthouse) violate the federal constitutional rights of inmates held there. The investigation will focus on, among other things, allegations we have received regarding: (1) inadequate staffing and supervision, (2) overcrowding, (3) improper use of force, (4) inadequate medical care, and (5) environmental health and safety threats.

To commence this investigation, I propose an initial meeting between our attorneys and representatives of your office. It has been our experience that such a preliminary conference can expedite the process. We also wish to arrange for our attorneys, consultants, and perhaps agents of the Federal Bureau of Investigation to visit the jail subsequent to our initial meeting. We shall be in touch with your staff within the next several days to work out the specifics of our meeting and subsequent tours of the facility by our consultants. The attorney assigned to this matter is Christopher Cheng, (202) 514-8892.


CRIPA Investigation



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Your cooperation is greatly appreciated.

Sincerely,



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