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Dear Sheriff Arpaio:

The Accreditation Committee of the National Commission on Correctional Health Care, during its meeting on September 25, 2008, terminated the accreditation of all Maricopa County Sheriff's Office jails for failure to maintain compliance with national standards and providing false information about such compliance. The loss of accreditation is effective as of this date.

The following chronology has lead to this action.

February 2006 Accreditation Meeting – from a December 2005 on-site review, the committee found 8 essential standards and 6 important standards not met. Facility status: Probation.

June 2006 Accreditation Meeting – from May 2006 communication from Correctional Health Services (CHS), the committee is told that an "effective system of tracking chronic disease patients has been developed by using a consultant firm. The data base allows monitoring frequency of appointments so that they are scheduled as required. The chronic care forms has been re-implemented and providers re-trained in their consistent use." Facility status: Continuing Accreditation Upon Verification.

November 2006 Accreditation Meeting – committee reviews additional statements and documents from CHS showing compliance.

March 2007 Accreditation Meeting – committee reviews additional statements and documents from CHS showing compliance.

July 2007 Accreditation Meeting – committee reviews additional statements and documents from CHS showing compliance.

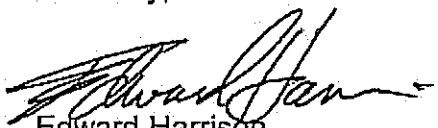
September 2008 – committee reviews trial testimony from *Graves v. Arpaio* and witness interviews conducted by staff. Facility status: Accreditation Withdrawn.

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You may, if you wish, formally ask for reconsideration of this decision. Your certified letter to that effect, sent to me at this address, must be received before October 24, 2008. If you have additional information you wish us to consider, please provide it with this letter. A request for reconsideration will stay the termination date until the review is completed.

We regret that the jails have not been able to maintain compliance with NCCHC's standards and provided information that was not accurate. We sincerely hope that health services at the jails improve to the point that the Maricopa County Sheriff's Office can once again achieve NCCHC accreditation.

Sincerely,



Edward Harrison
President

cc: ✓ Betty Adams, Director, Correctional Health Services
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