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VIA E-MAIL AND REGULAR MAIL

Cathy L. Lanier, Chief
Metropolitan Police Department
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Dear Chief Lanier,

This letter is regarding the matter of Terry Jiminez and events leading up to the June 25, 2011 shootings that occurred on Georgia Ave. and Gresham Pl. NW that led to the murder of Robert Foster, Jr.

It is my understanding that three days following the February 20, 2011 gang related, drive-by shooting on Sherman Ave., in which Mr. Jiminez was the target, Mr. Jiminez was moved to Buffalo, NY for his personal safety. As you well know, Lucki Pannell, an 18 year old Cardozo High School student, completely innocent in this matter, was killed on her front porch.

Due to a delay in working out details on the Interstate Compact for Adult Offender Supervision, the complete transfer of supervision of Mr. Jiminez from CSOSA to New York State did not take place. Instead, CSOSA was supervising by him by email and phone calls twice a month.

On June 20, 2011, a "community leader" informed CSOSA the offender was back in DC. Within five days of Mr. Jiminez returning to the District, a second innocent by-stander is dead, three others wounded, and a community is outraged.

While I agree moving Mr. Jiminez to New York was the right thing to do for his own personal safety and the overall public safety, I have significant questions on how the transfer was handled, the adequacy of the supervision, and the diligence in which MPD attempted to locate Mr. Jiminez following his return to DC on June 20. The handling of this case raises again the ability of law enforcement agencies to coordinate information and services across jurisdictions in a timely and meaningful manner.

- While in New York, Mr. Jiminez was not properly supervised pending the transfer of supervision from CSOSA to New York State. What was the cause for the delays in transferring supervision from CSOSA to New York State officials?

- Did CSOSA notify MPD of the transfer from the District to New York? Was information provided by MPD to New York regarding the February 20, 2011 incident?

- What efforts could have been made to expedite the transfer of supervision from CSOSA to New York State given the life and death circumstances in which Mr. Jiminez was transferred to New York in the first place?

- Was New York informed of the urgency to monitor and supervise Mr. Jiminez's movements while in New York?

- What efforts were made by CSOSA, MPD and community partners to find Mr. Jiminez and secure him once having learned that he returned to the District on June 20, 2011? All of the agencies knew he was a likely target for violence.

I look forward to receiving your response.

Sincerely,

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