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SENATOR DARREN SOTO

Deputy Democratic Whip
14th District

September 26, 2014

Michael D. Crews, Secretary
Florida Department of Corrections
501 South Calhoun Street
Tallahassee, FL 32399-2500

Re – Request for Investigation of the deaths of Randall Jordan-Aparo and Darren Rainey

Dear Secretary Crews,

I am writing you regarding the recent investigation of the deaths of Randall Jordan-Aparo at Franklin Correctional Institution in 2010 and Darren Rainey at Dade Correctional in 2012. Information has come to light that one or more letters were sent to Governor Rick Scott, ultimately being forwarded to Melinda Miguel, the Governor's chief inspector general, and DOC Inspector General Jeffery Beasley, giving notice of potential wrongdoing leading to their deaths. However, the initial review ultimately found only minor staff violations in the handling of these inmates, despite evidence suggesting more severe misconduct.

REQUEST IS HEREBY MADE for any and all documents related to this matter included but not limited to the initial letter(s), case files, reports, investigations or any other related evidence in written or electronic format. As a member of the Senate Criminal and Civil Justice Appropriations Committee with oversight obligations, these matters are of critical concern to my office and others on the committee. Regardless of the crimes committed by these individuals, we have constitutional obligation under the 8th Amendment of the United States Constitution to refrain from cruel and unusual punishment and to treat them humanely. These allegations may implicate a direct violation of these rights.

Your assistance and cooperation are greatly appreciated. If you have any questions or comments, please contact Michelle DeMarco from our Senate Minority Office. Thank you in advance for your attention to this matter.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Darren M. Soto".

Darren M. Soto

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