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RE: Yadkin Jail Closing

As noted in the recent jail inspection dated July 21, 2009, the Yadkin County Jail is currently and historically been experiencing serious plumbing problems. As a result, the jail has placed the inmates in a situation that is jeopardizing their safe custody, control and welfare. The jeopardizing conditions are as follows:

- 10A NCAC 14j .1505- Isolation rooms/ single rooms, shall have a combination lavatory, commode and drinking fountain. The rooms shall have hot and cold water. This deficiency is present in all isolation cells in the jail with the exception of single cell "A"..
- 10A NCAC 14j .1506- Multiple occupancy rooms shall have a combination lavatory, commode and drinking fountain. The room shall have hot and cold water unless it is contained in a confinement unit with a dayroom that has hot and cold water. This deficiency is present in housing unit 1, 2 and 3. Housing unit 4 meets the hot and cold water standard but two of the toilets are inoperable.
- 10A NCAC 14j .1509- The dayroom shall have shower with hot and cold water for every sixteen inmates and it shall have a commode, drinking fountain and a lavatory with hot and cold water. This deficiency is present in housing units 1, 2 and 3.

The Jails and Detention Section has been documenting these problems for over a year and no progress has been made to meet these mandatory standards. In accordance with 10A NCAC 14j .1303 "Determination That Conditions Jeopardize Inmates", and 10A NCAC 14j .1305 "Order of Corrective Action or Order of Closure", the Sheriff of Yadkin County shall close housing units 1, 2 and 3 and all single cells with the exception single cell "A". Housing unit 4 can be housed with the exception of the two cells where the commodes are inoperable. This action should take place as soon as possible. Please contact this office when these deficiencies have been corrected.

Please contact this office if we can be of any assistance in this matter.



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Sincerely,
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