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Is there a way to follow up with Chairman Martin before session tomorrow?

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**From:** Larry A. Martin [mailto:LarryMartin@scsenate.gov]

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**To:** Veldran, Katherine

**Subject:** mental health criminal commitment

Katherine:

My sheriff emailed me last week regarding an inmate that has been in custody there at the local jail for almost 100 days under court order commitment to the Department of Mental Health. I immediately contacted Rochelle Caton at the DMH. She advised me that the inmate is 17<sup>th</sup> on the list to be admitted and could not tell me when to expect the Pickens inmate to be moved. In the meantime, my local sheriff must provide for this mentally disturbed inmate's care in ways for which his staff is obviously not qualified nor have the resources.

I asked Rochelle to provide me with the details of the list for such inmates that have been committed to DHM, such as the number from each facility and the wait time. I'd like to have this information before our budget debate on the Senate floor.

Larry