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To: Pisarik, Holly <HollyPisarik@gov.sc.gov>
Date: 6/15/2016 11:24:07 AM
Subject: FW: From constituent, Pamela Ahlborn
Attachments: Adminstrative Order for HD Bonds.pdf
Pamela Ahlborn Bond Agreement.pdf
Mauldin Pub.docx

Let's discuss when you get a moment about guidance on if/how to respond.

From: Blake Taylor (taylrbl) [mailto:Taylor.Blake@doc.sc.gov]
Sent: Monday, June 13, 2016 2:01 PM
To: Schimsa, Rebecca
Cc: Stirling, Bryan
Subject: FW: From constituent, Pamela Ahlborn

Ms. Schimsa,

The complaint below received in your office from Ms. Pamela Ahlborn and forwarded to SCDC Agency Director Bryan Stirling was assigned to me for inquiry and follow-up. I have completed the review of this matter, so I am providing a summary of my findings for your information and use as you deem appropriate. Also, attached for reference are copies of: (1) the Administrative Order for Home Detention Pretrial Release Bonds in Spartanburg County of the Seventh Judicial Circuit; (2) pertinent excerpts from the Bond Agreement signed by Pamela Ahlborn; and (3) photos of the Mauldin Pub where Ms. Ahlborn was employed prior to her arrest.

Ms. Ahlborn was taken into custody on April 20, 2016, for Driving Under the Influence and Hit and Run. While being administered the Breathalyzer test at the Spartanburg County Detention Center, she spit on the Highway Patrol Trooper who had transported her and was charged additionally with Prisoner Throwing Bodily Fluids. As a condition of her bond, the Court required that she be in the Home Detention Program and wear a SCRAM bracelet. By the time that I received this referral and looked into the situation, Ms. Ahlborn had already pled guilty to the respective charges and is no longer in the Home Detention Program nor required to wear the device. That should have resolved her concern about being able to work in a place of business where alcoholic beverages are sold. As you can see from the attachments, she definitely could not have worked there while she was using the opportunity for a community based alternative to pre-trial detention; however, her participation in the Home Detention Program was voluntary in order to be released from jail pending disposition of her case. The document that she signed is the application/agreement used in all such cases. If she desired to be considered for a special exception, she would have needed to request a hearing before the Court, which is the only authority empowered to grant a deviation from the standard requirement. With respect to her complaints about conditions at the Spartanburg County Detention Center and the treatment she received while there, they were found to be unsubstantiated. All video coverage from her time there and relevant facility documentation indicate that she was treated humanely and professionally, and that sanitation was adequate. If she is still dissatisfied, I would recommend that she be invited to contact the Sheriff of Spartanburg County directly, since the Detention Center is within his official authority and responsibility.

Should you need anything else on this matter, please let me know. I would certainly be willing to pursue it even further if necessary.

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From: Bryan Stirling (C055056)
Sent: Monday, May 30, 2016 4:54 PM
To: Blake Taylor (taylrbl) <Taylor.Blake@doc.sc.gov>
Subject: Fwd: From constituent, Pamela Ahlborn

FYI

Begin forwarded message:

From: "Schimsa, Rebecca" <RebeccaSchimsa@gov.sc.gov>
Date: May 30, 2016 at 3:51:36 PM EDT
To: "Bryan Stirling (C055056)" <Stirling.Bryan@doc.sc.gov>
Subject: From constituent, Pamela Ahlborn

Director – Please see below about the Spartanburg County Detention Center. Thank you.

Subject: Pamela Ahlborn

Dear Ms. Nikki Haley, my name is Pamela Ahlborn, I've recently been arrested for DUI and leaving the scene of an accident in which nobody was harmed. The judge ordered a scram bracelet which I do not have a problem wearing, the problem is how can the state of South Carolina tell me I can not work? I'm a bartender and have been doing this job for thirty years. This is how I pay my bills. Nobody is perfect, we all make mistakes. We have a policy at my job, that we don't drink behind the bar, we can't even drink there off duty. I'm willing to do whatever I need to do, I need to be able to return to work. I spent twelve days in Spartanburg county detention center, after being treated like a dog, I was released from their very unsanitary conditions, I was was put in a holding cell with open wounds, that had blood all over the sink, walls and toilet and refused medical attention when I clearly had over \$600 in my canteen account to pay for medical treatment. I really think our legal system needs a serious review. All I want to do is return to my job, make living and move forward with my life. Our system returns drug dealer to the streets pushing drugs to our children and they don't endure half of what I've already been through in the last week, I have not harmed anyone, I believe I should be able to work the job I've been working my whole life. The state wants the fine and court costs but will not let me return to work. I've been a single parent my whole life, and I've never asked the government for anything, how can you let them keep me from making a living? I've already lost \$3000 the last four weeks being out of work, I know you probably don't care but I will also be talking to a lawyer who is not afraid to file a law suit against the state, I think this situation is very unconstitutional. Thank you, Pamela Ahlborn

