

INTERNAL STAFF UPDATE*

Friday, December 18, 2015

Railways:

Canadian Pacific Railway Ltd. is attempting to enter a merger with Norfolk Southern Corp. Norfolk Southern initially rejected their offer, but Canadian Pacific has come back with an additional financial incentive to its \$30 billion cash and stock offer. Norfolk Southern feels that if they continue to reject Canadian Pacific's offers, Canadian Pacific may pursue a hostile merger. If the merger were to take place, it would be the first of its kind in the industry since the late 1990's.

DMV:

A Customer Service Representative at the Ladson DMV, Rebecca Hudson, confessed Thursday morning to stealing DMV department funds. The activity was identified in an internal investigation. She was suspended in September and ultimately resigned. DMV estimates that Ms. Hudson stole over \$12,000 in reinstatement fees while working at the DMV. SLED will turn this over to the Solicitor for charges.

Legal:

Our office approves Safekeeping Orders for the Department of Corrections. These are used in extreme situations when counties want to transfer inmates up to Corrections due to the inmates being high escape risks or exhibiting extremely violent behavior – it is not used in situations of merely disruptive behavior or for mental health reasons. At any given time, there are only about 5-10 inmates on Safekeeper status, so it is not widely used.

Today, the Kershaw County Sheriff requested an inmate be transferred to Corrections with severe mental health needs for diagnosis and treatment, which will be denied. Director Stirling will call the Sheriff to let him know.

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