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Sheriff Travis J. Allen  
Jefferson County Justice Center  
911 Casey Avenue  
P.O. Box 1477  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864

County Clerk Connie Simmons  
100 S. 10<sup>th</sup> Street  
Rm. 105  
Mt. Vernon, Illinois 62864

Dear Sheriff Allen and Clerk Simmons:

A copy of our recent inspection report of the Jefferson County Justice Center is enclosed. The *Illinois Compiled Statutes [730ILCS5/3-15-2(b)]* mandates the Illinois Department of Corrections to inspect each county jail annually and to make the results available for public review. Your offices should make this inspection report available for public review in the records of Jefferson County and you are encouraged to give notice to the citizens of your county, by news release or other means, that this report is available for the public's review.

Specialist Fritschle again noted improvements during the inspection. New surveillance cameras throughout the facility will surely benefit the safe and secure operation of the facility. The population of individuals with mental health concerns is on the rise. A part-time Mental Health on staff will be highly beneficial. Captain Mount and all jail staff and support staff at the Jefferson County Justice Center should be commended for continuing to make improvements for a safe and secure facility.

The Jail and Detention Standards Unit staff is available for consultation should you desire. Please call (217) 558-2200, extension 4212.

Sincerely,

Mike Funk, Manager  
Jail and Detention Standards

cc: County Board Chairman Steve Draege  
Specialist Dianne Fritschle

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