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Washington, D.C. 20520

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Dr. Paulo Abrão
Executive Secretary
Inter-American Commission on Human Rights
Organization of American States
Washington, D.C. 20006

**Re: Situation of Tammy Jackson, a woman with a disability who gave birth to her daughter at the North Broward Bureau jail, Florida
CIDH/SE/Art.18/6-2019/32**

Dear Dr. Abrão:

I have the honor to reply to your June 11, 2019, request under Article 18 (d) of the Statute of the Inter-American Commission on Human Rights for information related to the situation of Tammy Jackson, a woman with a disability who gave birth to her daughter at the North Broward Bureau jail in Broward County, Florida.

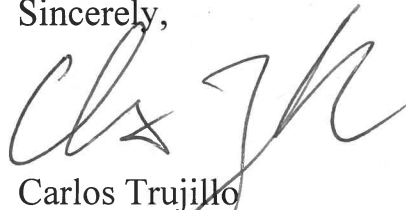
The United States takes very seriously our international commitments with respect to the protection for mothers and children.

On April 12, 2019, an anonymous complainant contacted the Division of Internal Affairs to the Broward County Sheriff's Office to file a complaint against unidentified North Broward Bureau deputies, on behalf of Tammy Brown. The Internal Affairs Division conducted an extensive investigation, which it concluded in September. Although the report concludes that no employee misconduct was identified, three employees of the medical provider for the jail were suspended on May 9, 2019, two of whom were

subsequently terminated by the provider. Moreover, the report indicates that the medical provider for the jail implemented changes following this incident. A redacted copy of the Internal Affairs Division report is attached to this letter.

Please accept renewed assurances of my highest consideration.

Sincerely,



Carlos Trujillo
Ambassador

Attachment:

Broward County Sheriff's Office Internal Memo (Sept. 13, 2019)