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Dear Ms. Carlson:

Enclosed with this letter are three reports that are due from the Office of the State Public Defender to the Legislative Fiscal Analyst by September 30, 2013 as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a) and (b).

The first report provides for FY 2013 the number of cases opened, the number of cases closed, the number of cases that remain open and active, and the number of cases that remain open but are inactive. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The second report provides for FY 2013 the number of days between case openings and closings for each case type. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (a).

The third report provides for FY 2013 the amount of funds collected as reimbursements for services rendered, including the number of cases for which a collection is made, the number of cases for which an amount is owed, the amount collected, and the amount remaining unpaid. This is as per Title 47-1-201 (10) (b).

Please contact me if you need any clarification of this information at 406-496-6080.

Sincerely,

William F. Hooks
Chief Public Defender

cc: Richard E. Gillespie, Chair, Public Defender Commission
Greg DeWitt, Legislative Fiscal Division
Diane McDuffie, Legislative Fiscal Division
Brent Doig, Office of Budget and Program Planning

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
CASES OPENED AND CLOSED IN FY 2013
ACTIVE AND INACTIVE CASES REMAINING OPEN
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

FY 2013

		CASES
7/1/2012 Beg. Balance		21,422
FY 2013	Cases Opened	31,980
FY 2013	Cases Closed	(30,404)
6/30/2013 Ending Balance		22,998

Active Cases	19,002
Inactive Cases	3,996
	22,998

AVERAGE NUMBER OF DAYS OPEN BY CASE TYPE
CASES CLOSED DURING FY 2013
TITLE 47-1-201 (10)(a)

CASE TYPE NAME	CODE	2013 AVG. DAYS OPEN
Criminal	DC	265
Guardianship	DG	226
Involuntary Commitment	DI	79
Juvenile	DJ	190
Dependent & Neglect	DN	487
Courts of Limited Jurisdiction	LC	156

OFFICE OF THE STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER
Assessments and
Collections of Legal Fees
M.C.A. 47-1-201 (10) (b)

	FY 2007	FY 2008	FY 2009	FY 2010	FY 2011	FY 2012	FY 2013
Balance of A/R @ Beg of Year	$ -	$ 41,211	$ 138,570	$ 360,588	$ 664,384	$ 1,155,652	$ 1,425,981
Assessments by Year	49,229	132,178	254,592	364,463	615,262	462,219	660,811
Total Collections by Year	(8,018)	(34,818)	(32,574)	(60,667)	(123,994)	(191,890)	(255,732)
# of Clients represented by Collections Total	30	103	327	627	1,325	1,351	1,470
Total Balance of A/R for Reporting Year **	$ 41,211	$ 138,570	$ 360,588	$ 664,384	$ 1,155,652	$ 1,425,981	$ 1,831,060
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ Beg of Year	-	73	318	750	1,833	3,130	4,157
# of Clients Assessments by Year	81	285	494	1,246	1,743	1,493	1,754
Total # of Clients paid in full during fiscal year	(8)	(40)	(62)	(163)	(446)	(466)	(272)
Total # of Clients with open A/R @ End of Year	73	318	750	1,833	3,130	4,157	5,639
** Financial Statement Reporting as follows	$ -	$ 66,637	$ 213,181	$ 481,939	$ 900,298	$ 1,274,121	$ 1,658,585

There exists a variance between A/R Reported here, and A/R reported on Financial Statements. This is created out of a time lag between dated court orders and signature of those orders, and a secondary lag for that information to make its way to the OPD Central Office for reporting here.