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To: Randy McClafin, Barnes County Sheriff

From: Jennifer Gronos, North Dakota Correctional Facility Inspector

Re: Order of Temporary Closure – Barnes County Correctional Facility

On December 19, 2017 Barnes County Correctional Facility (BCCF) received an order of temporary closure effective immediately and for a period of twelve months. Through effective compliance monitoring, BCCF has now come into compliance with the North Dakota Correctional Facility standards. In addition, BCCF made necessary life safety changes through outside contractors. On July 12, 2018 an unannounced visit to BCCF was made to check progress as well as check the construction that has been done to the upper level of the jail. The North Dakota Department of Corrections and Rehabilitation (DOCR) had recommended the BCCF get a new locking system and a new lighting system in the upper portion of the jail (minimum security housing) in order for it to be considered safe and secure for offenders and staff. An inspection revealed that it is adequate to again house offenders in the upper level of BCCF. Effective July 16, 2018, the DOCR authorizes re-opening the upper level of the BCCF.

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