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June 1, 2010

The Honorable Gayle Ray, Commissioner, Department of Correction
The Honorable Gregg Ridley, Bledsoe County Mayor
The Honorable James Morris, Bledsoe County Sheriff

To the Commissioner, County Mayor, and Sheriff:

Our office recently completed a review of Bledsoe County's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

The finding and recommendation and the summary of adjustments to days, as a result of our review, are presented in detail in the enclosed report. The following is a summary of the results of our review:

1. Felon days were not accurately determined and reported on the monthly State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Report.
2. As a result of our review, we discovered 274 overreported felon days and 70 underreported felon days. The net effect of these adjustments resulted in an overpayment of \$7,140 to Bledsoe County. Since this overpayment was after the final cost settlement, an adjustment should be made in subsequent monthly payments.

Please contact me if you have any questions regarding our review of Bledsoe County's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "James R. Arnette".

James R. Arnette, Director

cc: Judith Lambert, Judicial Cost Accountant

**BLEDSOE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
REPORT ON THE REVIEW OF THE
COUNTY CORRECTIONAL INCENTIVE PROGRAM
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

This report reviews Bledsoe County's participation in the County Correctional Incentive Program for the year ended June 30, 2008.

As a result of our review, we discovered 274 overreported felon days and 70 underreported felon days. The net effect of these adjustments resulted in an overpayment of \$7,140 to Bledsoe County. Since this overpayment was after the final cost settlement, an adjustment should be made in subsequent monthly payments.

The objectives of the review were:

1. to determine if prisoners were properly listed on the State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Reports,
2. to determine if inmates were accurately reported on the Correction Facility Summary Reports, and
3. to recommend appropriate actions to correct any deficiencies.

SCOPE OF THE REVIEW

In performing our review, we evaluated procedures related to the counting and reporting of the total inmate population as reported on the Correction Facility Summary Reports and the Final Cost Settlement Report. We also performed testwork on selected days to determine that the number of prisoners reported on the cost reports agreed with counts of prisoners actually incarcerated at the facility.

In addition, we tested the proper classification of convicted felons listed on the State Prisoner Reports to ensure accurate reporting to the state. Testwork included tracing information from the reports to the actual case files to verify the listed offenses, trial dates, and incarceration periods.

FINDING AND RECOMMENDATION

The finding and recommendation, as a result of our review, is presented below. We reviewed this finding and recommendation with management to provide an opportunity for their response; however, management did not provide a response for inclusion in this report.

FINDING 1 TOTAL FELON DAYS WERE NOT ACCURATELY DETERMINED AND REPORTED

Bledsoe County did not accurately count and assess the total felon days as reported to the state on the State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Reports. As a result, we could not determine if Bledsoe County had properly reported felon days for the year. We reviewed 14 inmate files for proper reporting. Of the 14 files examined, we discovered that Bledsoe County had overreported 274 felon days and underreported 70 felon days.

RECOMMENDATION

Management should ensure that felon days are reported accurately to the Tennessee Department of Correction on the State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Reports. Bledsoe County should review all of the State Prisoner (Convicted Felon) Reports for 2008 and forward.

**BLEDSOE COUNTY, TENNESSEE
SUMMARY OF ADJUSTMENTS
FOR THE YEAR ENDED JUNE 30, 2008**

The following is a summary of adjustments made to the days as settled in the desk review by the Tennessee Department of Correction. The adjustments, as a result of our review, are discussed in detail in the Finding and Recommendation section. It should be noted that the Bledsoe County Jail was closed during the period July 1, 2007, through January 31, 2008.

	Felon Days
As Settled in the 2008 Desk Review	432
Overreported Felon Days	(274)
Underreported Felon Days	70
Total Adjusted Days	228

We discovered 274 overreported felon days and 70 underreported felon days. The net effect of these adjustments resulted in an overpayment of \$7,140 to Bledsoe County since the county's rate of reimbursement is \$35 per inmate day. Since this overpayment was after the final cost settlement, an adjustment should be made in subsequent monthly payments.