

BY FACSIMILE AND FIRST-CLASS MAIL

September 22, 2005

Hon. Kathleen Babineaux Blanco
Office of the Governor
900 N. 3rd Street
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
FAX: (225) 342-7099

Dear Gov. Blanco:

Pursuant to the Louisiana public records act, La. Rev. Stat. § 44:1 et seq., and Louisiana Constitution Art. 12, § 3, I request that you produce copies of the following documents:

1. All documents pertaining to any deaths that have occurred on the premises of the Orleans Parish Prison (OPP) since August 26, 2005.
2. All documents pertaining to the collection of dead bodies from the premises of the OPP, and the disposition of those bodies, since August 26, 2005.
3. All documents pertaining to any evacuation plans that were in effect at the OPP as of August 26, 2005.

If you choose to deny this request in whole or in part, please provide a written explanation for that denial, including reference to the specific statutory exemptions upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Because disclosure of these documents is in the public interest, I request that any fees for copying and postage be waived. If this request for a waiver is denied, please advise me if fees for complying with this request are expected to exceed \$100.00.

As required by state law, please respond to this request within three business days.

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Dr. Frederick P. Cerise,
MPH Secretary
Louisiana Department of Health and Hospitals
1201 Capitol Access Road
P.O. Box 629
Baton Rouge, LA 70821-0629
FAX: (225) 342-5568

Dear Dr. Cerise:

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Thank you very much.

Very truly yours,

 /s/
Joe Cook

cc: Patricia Bowers

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Sheriff Marlin N. Gusman
Louisiana Sheriffs' Pension
and Relief Fund Office
1225 Nicholson Dr.
Baton Rouge, LA 70802
FAX: (225) 219-0500

Dear Sheriff Gusman:

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Joe Cook

cc: Allen Usry

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Richard Stalder, Secretary
Department of Public Safety and Corrections
P.O. Box 94304
Baton Rouge, LA 70804-9304
FAX: (225) 342-3095

Dear Mr. Stalder:

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Hon. C. Ray Nagin
Mayor's Office
1300 Perdido, Room 2E04
New Orleans, LA 70112
FAX: (504) 565-6423

Dear Mayor Nagin:

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Joe Cook

cc: Harry Rosenberg

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September 22, 2005

Dr. Frank Minyard, Coroner
Orleans Parish Coroner's Office
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA 70119
FAX: (504) 525-4912

Dear Dr. Minyard:

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