**MISSOURI STATE PUBLIC DEFENDER SYSTEM**

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January 8, 2020

Mr. Donald R Young
Cass County Jail
2501 W. Mechanic St.
Harrisonville, MO 64701

Re: 17CA-CR00211-01

Dear Mr. Young:

RE: PUBLIC DEFENDER DETERMINATION OF INDIGENCE AND NOTICE OF UNAVAILABILITY

The Harrisonville Public Defender's Office is currently not accepting new cases because we have reached the maximum capacity of cases that the attorneys can effectively handle. While you meet the eligibility guidelines for representation by an attorney with the Public Defender, we are unable to assign an attorney to your case at this time. Instead, your name will be placed on a waiting list for a lawyer. We will notify the court that we have received your application and that we are currently unable to assign an attorney to take your case. If you are facing a criminal charge, you still have the right to the assistance of a lawyer, even if you cannot afford to pay for one.

You must appear at all scheduled court appearances as failure to appear in court may result in the judge ordering a warrant for your arrest. It is recommended that you contact private attorneys to determine if you are able to hire one to represent you. At your court appearances, you should inform the Court that you cannot afford to hire an attorney and that you want an attorney to be appointed to represent you. No one can force you to plead guilty to a criminal offense or go to trial without the assistance of an attorney.

Be sure to protect your Constitutional rights while your criminal case is pending. You have the right to remain silent if you are questioned by police and you have the right to have an attorney present during any questioning. You should not consent to speak with the police unless an attorney is present. If the police want to talk with you about the alleged offense that you are being charged with, politely tell them that you are exercising your right to remain silent and that you want an attorney present during any questioning.

Sincerely,

Jeffrey Martin
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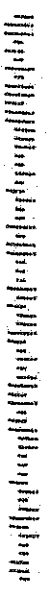
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