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Via Federal Express

**John J. Coyle, Esquire
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Dear Mr. Coyle:

Thank you for your August 7, 2020 letter regarding Everett Palmer, Jr. and the copy of your first amended civil complaint filed in your related civil lawsuit in the Middle District of Pennsylvania. As you note, the President and Attorney General met with the Palmer family and were deeply saddened by his death. As a veteran, Mr. Palmer served this country and its Constitution, and we are committed to ensuring a thorough review of this matter.


The Department of Justice takes very seriously our commitment to ensuring a full and fair investigation and, where the facts warrant, prosecuting those acting under color of law who willfully violate civil rights. Since 2017, the Department has charged more than 225 defendants with federal crimes for using their government authority to violate the civil rights of individuals and other related conduct.

As you know, the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania's investigation is ongoing. The Department is closely monitoring this investigation and

is conducting its own assessment. I can assure you that the Department has assigned experienced federal agents and prosecutors to this matter, and that this office is working closely with our colleagues in the Department's Civil Rights Division. Together, we will thoroughly review the facts and circumstances surrounding Mr. Palmer's death in the York County prison.

We appreciate your offer of support and assistance. If you have any evidence relevant to our review, please let us know. In the meantime, please feel free to contact me directly at any time. I would be happy to discuss the process and the federal laws that are guiding our review of the evidence in this matter.

Sincerely,



DAVID J. FREED
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