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Julie A. Allen
Executive Director

April 30, 2010

Sheriff Jim Arnott
Greene County, Missouri
1010 Booneville
Springfield, MO 65803

Re: Case No. 10E018

Dear Sheriff Arnott:

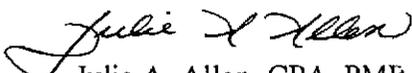
The Missouri Ethics Commission, considered at the April 28, 2010 meeting, the complaint filed against you. The Commission considered the allegations that you violated the Conflict of Interest Statutes in Chapter 105 of the Missouri Revised Code. The Commission also reviewed the allegations that you violated county bidding requirements in Chapter 50 of the Missouri Revised Code, and department regulations. All allegations concern towing services conducted for private vehicles which are involved in accidents, which are disabled, or are involved law enforcement investigations.

The Commission did not find reasonable grounds to believe a violation of Chapter 105 occurred. There was no evidence that you participated in any decision in which you or any business with which you are associated would directly benefit, Section 105.454.(3), RSMo, or that you acted to provide a special monetary benefit to yourself, Section 105.452.1(4), RSMo.

At the time of the allegation, the Greene County Sheriff's Department did not utilize a statutory bid procedure for towing services as the services did not meet the monetary threshold of \$4,500 which would trigger a bid process under Section 50.660(1), RSMo. The Department, however, determined to place the towing services out for bid, and utilized a temporary rotational policy until the bid process was completed.

From the facts presented, the Commission voted to dismiss this case as the allegation was unsubstantiated. The investigation did not show reasonable grounds for a violation of Chapter 105, RSMo. or statutory bidding requirements.

Sincerely,


Julie A. Allen, CPA, PMP
Executive Director

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