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Civil Rights Division

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April 2, 2013

VIA ELECTRONIC AND U.S. MAIL

Sheriff Jerry Demings Orange County Sheriff's Office 2500 West Colonial Drive Orlando, FL 32804

Re:

Orange County Sheriff's Office Memorandum of Agreement

Dear Sheriff Demings:

We write to provide you notice that the Department of Justice has determined that Orange County Sheriff's Office's ("OCSO") has complied with our Memorandum of Agreement ("Agreement") and OCSO's performance of the Agreement is now completed. We wish to thank you and your staff for your cooperation with the Department throughout the course of our investigation.

Based upon our review of data OCSO has provided to us, we have determined that OCSO substantially complied with the MOA and maintained this compliance for the 18 months required by the Agreement. Significantly, OCSO's data demonstrates a marked decrease in the use of Electronic Control Devices ("Tasers") during your tenure as Sheriff. OCSO's data also shows an overall decrease in uses of force during your tenure. This data suggests that OCSO has made effective changes to its policies and training on use of Tasers, while also ensuring that its other uses of force are appropriate.

From our perspective, this Agreement has been a success. We congratulate OCSO on its expeditious implementation of the Agreement and its commitment to effective and constitutional policing. If you have any questions about this matter, please do not hesitate to contact me at (202) 514-6255, or Jonas Geissler at (202) 353-8866.

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