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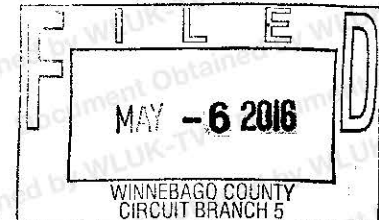


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May 6, 2016

Brian T. Flatoff
Winnebago County Jail
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RE: *State v. Flatoff*
Winnebago County Case # 15-CF-589

Dear Flatoff-

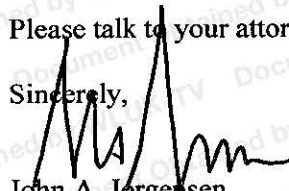
Your letter dated May 2, 2016 has been forwarded to your attorney and to the district attorney's office. Whenever one side communicates with the court, I must share it with the other party. If I would not, this would be considered ex parte communication and is a violation of the law. You asked me to share your letter with the media. I can not forward the letter to them. Your letter will be filed in the criminal case. The media can request the letter if they are interested. Also, every court session is an open hearing so the media, and any other person, is allowed to watch criminal court proceedings.

If you have concerns about how your case is being handled, you need to discuss this with your attorney or the public defender's office. This court has no authority to direct your attorney to handle your case in a certain manner.

You are advised that it is normally not in your interest to broadcast particular aspects of your case in an open letter. This may be used against you in future court proceedings and provides the other side a look at your defense.

Please talk to your attorney.

Sincerely,


John A. Jorgensen
Circuit Court Judge, Branch 5
Winnebago County, Wisconsin



cc: Amanda Skorr Wisconsin Public Defender
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