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Concerns Raised Over DSS Records

The Cumberland County Board of Commissioners has been notified that the District Attorney's office has asked the State Bureau of Investigation to assist in determining if the Department of Social Services has provided the Fayetteville Police Department with complete and accurate records in the Shaniya Davis case.

County Manager James Martin received the attached letter from the District Attorney late Friday afternoon regarding this matter.

Mr. Martin informed the commissioners and DSS Director Brenda Jackson of the DA's action.

Friday was the first time county management and Ms. Jackson received notice of the Fayetteville Police Department's concerns about the completeness and accuracy of the records received so far in the Shaniya Davis investigation.

Ms. Jackson said she will see that DSS personnel fully cooperate with the authorities in resolving this matter.

We will await the findings from the SBI before commenting further on the issue.

The information above was released during this morning's commissioners' meeting.

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December 4, 2009

Mr. James Martin
Cumberland County Manager
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In Re: Cumberland County Department of Social Services

Dear Mr. Martin:

This afternoon I met with Chief Bergamine and members of the investigative team investigating the death of Shaniya Davis.

Following the presentation by the investigators with the Fayetteville Police Department, Chief Bergamine has requested the SBI's assistance to determine if Fayetteville Police have received complete and accurate records from Cumberland County DSS regarding this case. Based upon the information provided to me and my senior staff by the Fayetteville Police Department concerning these issues, I share their concern and I have requested the assistance of the SBI to assist us in this regard.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "E. Grannis, Jr.", written over a faint, larger signature.

Edward W. Grannis, Jr.
District Attorney

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