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September 26, 2016

Ms. Cathy Jenkins
Vermilion County Clerk
Courthouse Annex
6 North Vermilion Street
Danville, Illinois 61832

Dear Ms. Jenkins:

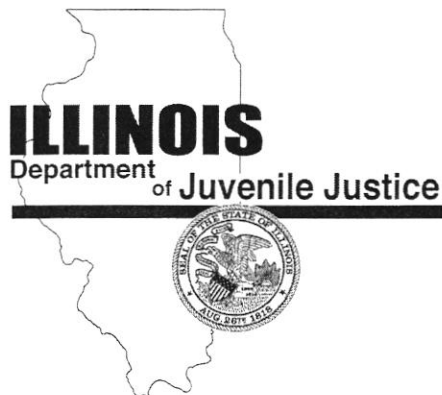
A copy of our recent inspection report of the Vermilion County Juvenile Detention center is enclosed. The *Illinois Compiled Statutes* require the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to inspect juvenile detention centers annually and to make the results available for public review.

We encourage you to give notice to citizens of your county, by news release or other means, that this report is available for review.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Catchings
Administrator
Detention and Audit Services Unit



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**VERMILION COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION CENTER
2016 INSPECTION REPORT**

On September 8, 2016 Robert Catchings of the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice conducted an inspection of the Vermilion Detention Center located in Danville, Illinois. Compliance Monitor Dick Walsh, of the Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission assisted with the inspection. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Superintendent Judy Hartshorn and Assistant Superintendent Shawn Murphy. Among the topics discussed during the interview were infractions from the last annual inspection as well as *Sight and Sound Requirements*.

IMPROVEMENTS SINCE LAST INSPECTION:

1. The Vermilion County JDC now has six new computers and six new monitors that were paid for by Danville School District #118. These computers will be used for Odyssey ware computer based instruction for residents. The school district also made available another fifteen thousand dollars to purchase additional classroom instructional materials.
2. The center purchased and implemented TOSCRF-2. Students are assigned a test of Silent Contextual Reading Fluency to quickly and accurately measure reading comprehension.
3. Educational department continues to expand its assessments of youth in an effort to develop a more complete plan of action to assist with youth's overall academic development.

NON COMPLIANCES WITH *THE ILLINOIS COUNTY JUVENILE DETENTION STANDARDS*

702.10 ADMISSION POLICY:

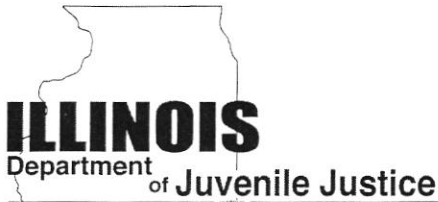
Neglected minors, dependent minors, otherwise in need of supervision, and status offenders are prohibited from being confined.

Since the last inspection the Vermilion County Juvenile Detention Center has a total of five violations in 2016, generated by detaining three status offenders, one truant and one dependent or neglected minor.

RECOMMENDATIONS:

The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice recommends that Vermilion County Officials search for alternate placements sites for those youth that are in need of care. The housing of non-offenders in the juvenile detention center must stop.

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Superintendent Judy Hartshorn
Vermillion County Juvenile Detention Center
150 East Sager Street
Danville, Illinois 61832

Dear Superintendent Hartshorn:

A copy of our recent inspection report of your juvenile detention facility is enclosed.

As you are aware, the *Illinois Compiled Statutes* require the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice to inspect juvenile detention facilities annually and to make the results available for public review.

Unfortunately, your facility has been declared noncompliant with the *Illinois County Juvenile Detention Standards, Section: 702. 10 Admission Policy*.

However, this lone infraction can easily be rectified with the cessation of housing *status offenders and neglected and dependent minors* in juvenile detention centers.

Superintendent, The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice regrets that this same violation has hampered your operation for a fourth consecutive year. Also, this agency is well aware that decisions made within the vertical hierarchy of your managerial structure are not for you to question.

However, as onerous as it is, the Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice, once again encourages Government Officials of Vermillion County to seek and secure appropriate alternative placement for non-offenders, rather than house them for non-offenses.

The Illinois Department of Juvenile Justice thanks you for your dedication in serving the youth of Vermillion County.

The Office of Detention and Audit Services is available for consultation should you desire. You may reach the office at 630/584-0506, extension 530.

Sincerely,

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Robert C. Catchings
Administrator
Detention and Audit Services

Enclosure:

Acting Director Jesse Montgomery, Illinois Department Juvenile Justice
Chief Judge, Craig H. DeArmond
Claudia S. Anderson, Juvenile Judge
Michael Marron, County Board Chairman
Rich Adkins, Office of Illinois Courts
Mr. Ron Smith, Illinois Juvenile Justice Commission
Ms. Cathy Jenkins, Vermillion County Clerk
Mr. Patrick, Hartshorn, Vermillion County Sheriff