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Subject: RE: [EXTERNAL] Investigation of Employee Complaint Pursuant to BOCC Resolution 08-750
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Janine,

Good morning, thank you for bringing this to my attention and I will apologize in advance for the inconvenience that my letter may cause but there is a lot of political agendas and biases at work here in Benton County and I have been forced to take the appropriate steps to having investigations done within my office in a manner that promotes transparency, and protects the interest of the accuser, the county and Office of Sheriff.

As I advised our Human Resource Manager I will be having an independent Elected Sheriff, be part of the investigation you have been assigned to. I will be glad to provide you with his contact information so you can coordinate with him. Please understand this is the only way I will allow any type of a complaint to be conducted within the Sheriff's Office. Please understand at this time you are not authorized to contact any Benton County Sheriff employees until we establish the investigative steps and process. Again I apologize for the inconvenience but this is necessary to protect the integrity of the Office of Sheriff.

Please feel free to contact me directly, my direct line is 509-736-3074 and my cell is 509-440 2771

Thank you in advance



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Dear Sheriff Hatcher,

Please see the attached introductory letter. I will be back in touch soon to schedule an interview.

Thank you.

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