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Sheriff William Heffington
Calhoun County Sheriff's Department
301 South County Road
Hardin, Illinois 62047

Rita Hagen
Calhoun County Clerk
301 South County Road
Hardin, Illinois 62047

Dear Sheriff Heffington and County Clerk Hagen:

A copy of the recent inspection report for the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office is enclosed. The *Illinois Compiled Statutes [730 ILCS 5/3-15-2(b)]* mandates the Illinois Department of Corrections to inspect each county jail annually and to make the results of such inspections available for public review. Your offices should make this inspection report available for public review in the records of Calhoun County and you are encouraged to give notice to the citizens of your county, by news release or other means, that this inspection report is available for the public's review.

The Jail and Detention Standards Unit staff is available for consultation should you desire. Please call (217) 558-2200, extension 4212.

Sincerely,

Edwin R. "Bob" Bowen, Manager

Jail and Detention Standards Unit

cc: Calhoun County Board Chair Larry Wieneke
Criminal Justice Specialist Michael Leathers

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CALHOUN COUNTY SHERIFF'S OFFICE 2020 INSPECTION REPORT

Criminal Justice Specialist Michael Leathers inspected the Calhoun County Sheriff's Office on October 1, 2020. Entrance and exit interviews were conducted with Sheriff William Heffington.

SUMMARY OF INSPECTION

The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office is equipped with a temporary holding area only. It is utilized only to process arrestees and cannot be considered a functional jail, nor is it used as one. Once an arrestee is processed and the need for detention is affirmed, it is the policy of the department to admit arrestees into a neighboring county jail for detention. The Calhoun County Sheriff's Office cannot meet the physical requirements outlined in the *Illinois County Jail Standards* and can only be used to process arrestees and subsequently transport them to a proper facility authorized for detention. Any change to this policy must be requested in writing to the Jail and Detention Standards Unit of the Illinois Department of Corrections for approval.

Michael Leathers
Criminal Justice Specialist