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Sheriff Earnell Lucas
 Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office
 821 W. State Street, Room 107
 Milwaukee, WI 53233

Re: In custody death of Nicholas L. Stadtmuller (DOB 05/08/85)

Dear Sheriff Lucas:

On January 7, 2020, Nicholas L. Stadtmuller died at Columbia-St. Mary's Hospital after being transported there two days earlier from the Milwaukee County Jail, where he was an inmate. He was thirty-four years old. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be Anoxic Brain Injury due to Asphyxia caused by Hanging, and the manner of death to be Suicide.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office conducted a comprehensive investigation into the death of Mr. Stadtmuller. The investigative file includes: video of the jail pod housing Mr. Stadtmuller, which shows his actions in the minutes leading up to his death, as well as the swift response by Sheriff's personnel in their efforts to save his life; telephone calls from Mr. Stadtmuller to loved ones in the days and hours before his death; and interviews with witnesses and attending Sheriff's Office personnel.

After reviewing the investigative file in this matter, I find no basis for criminal liability related to the death of Mr. Stadtmuller on the part of any other person, including any employee of the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office.

My office is now closing this matter.

Sincerely,

Kent Lovern
 Chief Deputy District Attorney

cc: Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson