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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 Anthony D. Walther [REDACTED]

Dear Sheriff Lucas:

On April 5, 2021, Anthony D. Walther died at the Milwaukee County Jail, where he was an inmate. He was discovered unresponsive at 11:59 a.m., and after lifesaving measures, was pronounced deceased at 12:44 p.m. He was twenty-six years old. The Milwaukee County Medical Examiner's Office determined the cause of death to be [REDACTED] and the manner of death to be natural.

The Waukesha County Sheriff's Office conducted a comprehensive investigation into the death of Mr. Walther. The investigative file includes: video of the jail pod housing Mr. Walther, which shows jail officers regularly checking in on Mr. Walther's cell in accordance with appropriate standards, the swift response by Milwaukee County Sheriff's personnel in their efforts to save his life, and interviews with witnesses and attending emergency professionals.

After reviewing the investigative file in this matter, I find no basis for criminal liability related to the death of Mr. Walther 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,

[Handwritten signature of Kent Lovern]

Kent Lovern
Chief Deputy District Attorney

cc: Waukesha County Sheriff Eric Severson
Attorney Jeff Purnell