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Dear District Attorney Gray,

Pursuant to the state open records law, Alaska Stat. Secs. 40.25.100 to 40.25.350, I write to request access to and a copy of any letter or other form of correspondence from California prison guards or officials referring to an inmate's possible involvement in John Hartman's 1997 murder. In particular, this request targets communication about William Z. Holmes alleged statements concerning involvement in Hartman's murder or awareness that men convicted of that crime are innocent. If your agency does not maintain these public records, please let me know who does and include the proper custodian's name and address.

The information is requested for use in stories about the Hartman murder case, which UAF Journalism expects to publish in news outlets on and off campus. The murder of John Hartman in October 1997, the convictions of Marvin Roberts, Eugene Vent, George Frese and Kevin Pease, more than a decade of subsequent appeals, protest marches, tribal resolutions, letters to the editor, all demonstrate and continuing public interest in the handling of this case this case by the Fairbanks District Attorney's Office and staff.

A fee waiver is requested because disclosure of these records is in the public interest. UAF Journalism agrees to pay any reasonable copying and postage fees of not more than \$20. If the cost would be greater than this amount, please notify me. Please provide a receipt indicating the charges for each document.

As provided by state regulation, I will expect your response within ten (10) business days.

If you choose to deny this request, please provide a written explanation for the denial including a reference to the specific statutory exemption(s) upon which you rely. Also, please provide all segregable portions of otherwise exempt material.

Please be advised that we are prepared to pursue whatever legal remedy necessary to obtain access to the requested records. I would note that violation of the open records law can result in the award of court costs and attorney fees. In addition, state law imposes criminal penalties on those who knowingly suppress or conceal a public record. Alaska Stat. Secs. 11.56.815 and 820(2).

Thank you for your assistance.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Sam R. Allen", is written over a long, thin horizontal line that extends across the page.

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CC: Adrienne Bachman, Office of Special Prosecutions
CC: Michael Geraghty, Alaska Attorney General