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The Honorable Chief Judge Karen Herman
The Honorable Judge Angel Harris
Judicial Administrator Rob Kazik
Orleans Parish Criminal District Court
2700 Tulane Avenue
New Orleans, LA. 70119

Dear Chief Judge Herman, Judge Harris & Judicial Administrator Kazik:

Bryan Andry, the person suspected and arrested in the murder of Ms. Portia Pollock was out of jail on an unrelated offense and reported to have been placed on electronic monitoring by the courts.

Obviously, we will never know if this tragedy could have been prevented but in the hope of preventing others, as the Chairman of the City Council Criminal Justice Committee, I respectfully ask that we have a dialogue that clarifies the procedures that determine who and how individuals are deemed eligible for electronic monitoring . Please accept this letter as a formal request for your presence at the upcoming City Council Criminal Justice Committee meeting on Wednesday, June 16, 2021 at 10:00am.

At that meeting, please be prepared to discuss the following:

- The name of the monitoring company
- A copy of the contract between the Courts and the monitoring company
- The policy of the Court for the use of electronic monitoring
- Are all offenses eligible for electronic monitoring



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- Who makes the recommendation that monitoring be used
- Who is responsible for monitoring
- Who is responsible for vetting violations
- Specifically, who is notified if there is a violation
- What is the timeframe for notification of a violation
- Who is responsible to pick up the offender if a violation has occurred
- What happens to the offender if a violation occurs

If it is not possible to provide this information in time, please let me know how much time it would take to gather it. This information is needed so the New Orleans City Council can better understand the processes around the use of electronic monitoring in Criminal Court.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "J. H. Banks". The signature is stylized with a large, looping initial "J" and a long, sweeping underline.

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