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Date: April 17, 2024

To: Major Barrow

From: Deputy Warren 158 / 4348

Re: Judge Palumbo's Courtroom

On April 17th, around 10:20am I was in Judge Palumbo's courtroom taking a blind plea with inmate Prince Ordu along with Deputy McGinnis, Deputy Pearson, Deputy Burton and myself. During the start of the blind plea judge Palumbo stopped the plea and told the attorneys to quiet down or take the conversation to the hallway. Deputy McGinnis and I were in the front of the courtroom with inmate Ordu and the victim's family members giving impact statements.

Deputy Pearson was stationed at the entrance door of the courtroom when someone opened the door to the courtroom. That's when Judge Palumbo stopped the plea and began shouting at all the deputies in the courtroom that she had asked for a deputy to be outside in the hallway. She said she had requested a deputy to be on this floor during Pre-Trial week and said that we haven't done this for several weeks now and this is getting ridiculous.

Judge Palumbo turned to me and said, "what is the name of the new Abernathy?" I said that would be Captain Luman, she then said, "Well I'll be speaking with him and the Sheriff about this". She then yelled "get someone one out there now"! I said yes Judge. At that time Deputy Pearson was already called back to the 11th floor to run court, Deputy Pearson left the courtroom, and I heard him asking for the hall to be quiet. Plea was finished without any further incident.

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Date: 04/17/2024
To: Major Barrow
From: Deputy Timothy Pearson
Re: Judge Palumbo Courtroom

On 04/17/2024 Judge Palumbo's staff requested that an additional Deputy be on standby in her courtroom for a blind plea to a Manslaughter 1 case. Deputy Warren responded in addition to Deputy McGinnis, who escorted the in-custody defendant to Judge Palumbo's courtroom. I observed that there were several family members related to the victim on one side of the courtroom and several relatives of the suspect on the other side of the courtroom. I decided to stand by the courtroom door on the inside of the courtroom until the victim's impact statements were complete to ensure that the family members on both sides remained calm.

Prior to the victim's impact statements, during the plea, Judge Palumbo asked attorneys to leave her courtroom and speak to their clients out in the hallway two or three times. Each time, attorneys left her courtroom and went into the hallway.

During the reading of the victim's impact statements, at approximately 10:20 hours, Deputy Burton entered the courtroom escorting an in-custody defendant for an upcoming case. Immediately following Deputy Burton's arrival, I was called to return to the 11th floor and escort another in custody defendant to another courtroom. Before I exited Judge Palumbo's courtroom, Judge Palumbo started yelling that she had requested on several occasions and Sheriff Johnson had ordered that a Deputy Shall be in the hallway of the 8th floor on pre-trial weeks, but that for several weeks it has not happened! Judge Palumbo then yelled; get someone out there and quiet down that hallway now!

I exited Judge Palumbo's courtroom and observed the attorneys that left Judge Palumbo's courtroom at her request speaking to their respective clients at different



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locations in the hallway. It did not seem to me that the attorneys were speaking at an excessive volume, but, in a loud voice I said "Quiet Please. Court is in session."

I called for the elevator and returned to the 11th floor to escort another in-custody to a different courtroom. Upon my arrival on the 11th floor, I made contact with Sgt. Winter and advised him of the incident in Judge Palumbo's courtroom.

Timothy "Keith" Pearson #35197
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Date: April 17th 2024

To: OCSO Maj Rickey Barrow
OCSO Capt Tim Luman
OCSO Lt Harry Falter / OCSO Lt James Kimbrough
OCSO Sgt Brandon Winter

From: Deputy Michael Burton

Re: Judge Palumbo Courtroom

On April 17th 2024 at approximately 1025 hours I was present in the Courtroom of Judge Amy Palumbo. I had just arrived escorting defendant Ebelio Navarro to her courtroom. Deputies Warren and McGinnis were already in the courtroom escorting another defendant identified as Ordu Prince. Deputy Pearson was also present near the entrance of the courtroom.

While waiting for my defendant's case to be called I observed and heard Judge Palumbo stop a plea hearing already underway and began shouting at Deputies present in her courtroom. Judge Palumbo's shouting indicated she had repeatedly asked for Deputies to be present on the 8th floor of the courthouse. Judge Palumbo continued making statements expressing her deficiencies with courthouse security and at one point instructing Deputies to get out in the hallway and quiet down the loud talking. Deputy Pearson exited the courtroom and could be heard instructing unknown parties in the lobby of the 8th floor to lower their voices.

I was then instructed by Sgt Winter to leave my defendant in the custody of other Deputies and proceed back to 11th floor of the Oklahoma County Courthouse due to staffing shortages. I notified Deputy Warren of my instructions. I provided Warren with the face sheet of Navarro and proceeded out of the courtroom enroute to the 11th floor to await further instructions.

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Michael Burton", is written over a horizontal line.

Michael Burton 183 / 2266



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Date:
To: Major Barrow
From: Deputy McGinnis 9839/184
Re: Palumbo's Courtroom

On April 17th at approximately 1020 hours, I was conducting normal court detail procedures in Judge Palumbo's courtroom. I was the primary deputy in the courtroom. I was accompanied by Deputy Pearson, and Deputy Warren. Deputy Burton brought down a second inmate, so he was also in the courtroom. I was standing next to inmate Ordu, Prince, and had no access to the hallway. Deputy Warren was standing at the front of the courtroom and Deputy Pearson was standing by the door. While in the courtroom, an unknown individual exited the courtroom. While the door was open a small amount of chatter entered the courtroom.

Judge Palumbo then interrupted the unknown female while she was giving her impact statement and proceeded to scream at me while the courtroom was full of people. She stated, "This is the third week in a row that I requested a deputy on this floor". She yelled that "we need to get someone out there now". She then turned to Deputy Warren and asked, "Who is the new Abernathy?" Deputy Warren replied, "Captain Luman". She then told Deputy Warren that she would be talking to Captain Luman and Sheriff Tommy Johnson later today. Deputy Warren replied, "Yes Judge". During this incident, I was completely humiliated and disrespected. Judge Palumbo's outburst was unwarranted, unprofessional and unprovoked.

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