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Gentlemen:

This letter is a formal request to Marathon County Government officials to improve security in the Marathon County Courthouse. This is not a new request but one that has been conveyed on numerous occasions over the past many years.

While we recognize that security has been improved with the armed deputies that assist in the courtrooms, that resource is not adequate to meet the real security needs of the entire courthouse. Safety is not only a priority for those involved in the proceedings in the courtrooms, but is also a priority for attorneys and staff working in the DA's Office, Staff in the Clerk of Courts Office, other County Departments and Probation and Parole Department.

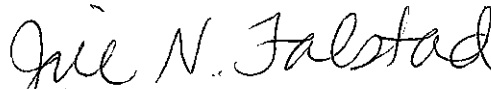
Quite frankly, the public and all people coming to do business in the Courthouse have a right to feel safe in this environment.

Recent events have served to again highlight the need for improved security in the Courthouse. We routinely deal with individuals in high-conflict and stressful matters including family law and divorce cases, domestic violence incidents, and gun related charges. All individuals coming into the Courthouse should be properly screened through a single entrance by appropriate security apparatus and trained officers before admission.

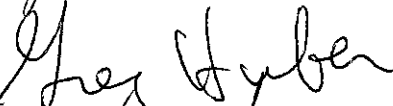
We look forward to working with you to implement these urgently needed changes.

Sincerely,

Presiding Judge Jill N. Falstad, Branch 1



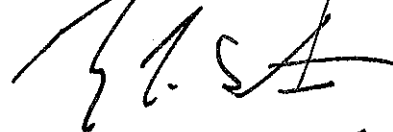
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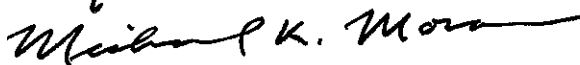
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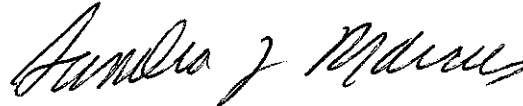
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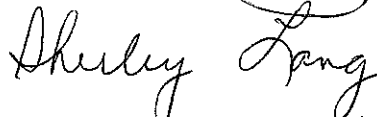
Court Commissioner, Sandra Marcus



Court Commissioner, Douglas Bauman



Clerk of Court, Shirley Lang



District Attorney, Theresa Wetzsteon



Marathon County Sheriff Scott Parks



Corporation Counsel, Scott Corbett



Medical Examiner, Jessica Blahnik

