

Mental Health Alliance

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Dear U.S. Attorney Williams:

The Work Group of the Mental Health Alliance appreciates that you and your staff dismissed charges against David R. Nickel and helped to arrange for him to be returned to the Unity Center for Behavioral Health for psychiatric care. It was clear to your federal prosecutor and all others involved that Mr. Nickel was in need of treatment for mental illness and did not belong in jail - or prison.

Mr. Nickel is a prime example of how often we fail those in need and rely on the criminal system to fix everything. We are thankful that was not the result for Mr. Nickel. Please convey our thanks to your staff.

Sincerely,

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