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On Wednesday September 7, 2005, I heard the two words that no Jail Warden ever wants to hear. They were, jail escape. The fact that this 38 million dollar facility was less than three years old made the sting of those words even sharper.

With the best of intentions we here at the jail allowed ourselves to be sold a ceiling product touted as state of the art in jail safety. It was not, and two inmates escaped through the ceiling/roof. At that moment in time we were in a bind and we needed a sure, certain, and verifiable repair to this problem and we needed it immediately. You were contacted because of your vast knowledge of correctional facilities and your management abilities. You worked with our staff here and orchestrated a repair schedule to meet our very urgent demands.

I would like to commend you for all of your hard work in this project. Let me also take this time to tell you how well your construction crew worked bringing this project in ahead of schedule. As you know construction is one thing and construction in an overpopulated jail is quite something else. Moving inmates around like chess pieces and leaking pipes were only a couple of the problems that came along with the project. Your construction Supervisor Trevor Bush was able to handle the repairs and negotiate between three separate Unions seamlessly. His daily efforts and cooperative interaction with our staff allowed this very difficult job to be done ahead of schedule.

Once again thanks for a job well done.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "John J. Widup", is written over a horizontal line.

Warden John J. Widup
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