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Melissa S. Scott, Esquire General Counsel The Mississippi Bar Post Office Box 2168 Jackson, Mississippi 39225-2168

Re:

Robert W. Wilkinson - Bar Complaint

Ellen Hall and Joseph Jewell

Dear Ms. Scott:

- 1. My name is Kenny Holloway, and I am currently the Mayor of Ocean Springs, Mississippi.
- 2. The Securix, LLC contract was entered into with the City prior to my becoming Mayor. However, once I was Mayor, I dealt with the Securix, LLC issues and its implementation in Ocean Springs, Mississippi.
- 3. At the beginning of my term, when the issues came up with Securix, LLC, I was fully aware that Robert Wilkinson was involved with Securix, LLC and that he was not providing the City legal advice as it related to Securix, LLC. At various times when the program was operating in Ocean Springs, citizens would attend the meetings and complain to the Mayor and Board about various issues regarding the Securix program. If Mr. Wilkinson was present at the meetings, I simply advised Mr. Wilkinson to respond to any and all criticisms.
- 4. When the Mayor and Board were discussing terminating the Securix contract, I contacted outside counsel to provide the City legal advice as to whether or not the City could cancel the contract and all actions the City needed to take in order to cancel the contract. I did this because I knew Mr. Wilkinson had a conflict in providing the City legal advice as it related to Securix, LLC.
- 5. During the time period that the Securix Program was operating in Ocean Springs, Mississippi, I was fully aware that Robert Wilkinson's son worked as an employee of Securix, LLC. In fact, I had several conversations with him at City Hill regarding issues on the way that Securix, LLC Program was being operated.

Please let me know should you need any additional information on this matter.

Sincerely,

Mayor Kenny Holloway

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