



**U.S. Department of Justice**

Office of Justice Programs

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The Honorable Christopher Abele  
County Executive  
Milwaukee County  
901 N. 9<sup>th</sup> Street  
Milwaukee, WI 53233-1427

Dear County Executive Abele,

Thank you for your recent submission regarding your compliance with 8 U.S.C. § 1373, further to the terms of your FY 2016 Byrne JAG grant award from the Department of Justice. Your submission was very helpful and informative.

Based on the materials you provided, the Department has found no evidence that Milwaukee County is currently out of compliance with section 1373. In so finding, the Department has determined that Milwaukee County Board of Supervisors Resolution 12-135 restricts the sharing of release date information in contravention of section 1373. However, based on the evidence currently available to the Department, its understanding is that the Milwaukee County Sheriff's Office has exercised its lawful authority not to follow this Resolution. As a reminder, complying with section 1373 is an ongoing requirement that the Department of Justice will continue to monitor.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink that reads "Alan R. Hanson".

Alan Hanson  
Acting Assistant Attorney General