



Allen County Sheriff's Department  
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Sheriff



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Ms. Marlene H. Dortch, Secretary  
Federal Communications Commission  
445 12th Street SW  
Room TW-A325  
Washington, DC 20554

Re: **Ex Parte Communication**  
**WC Docket No. 12-375; Inmate Calling Services**

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Dear Ms. Dortch:

The Allen County Sheriff's Office hereby files an *ex parte* communication in connection with the above-referenced proceeding. The Allen County Sheriff's Office supports the comments and reply comments filed by the National Sheriff's Association in this matter. The purpose of this letter is to submit additional information specific to this office in support of NSA's position that Sheriffs must be allowed to recover their costs if inmate calling services (ICS) are to continue to be widely available in jails.

Inmate calling is a discretionary service in our jail, and it is allowed for the benefit of inmates and their families. If we are not permitted to recover the costs associated with the provision of inmate calling services, then we would likely be forced to significantly limit or eliminate access to inmate phones in our jail.

Currently, we have the incentive to allow significant access to ICS, and general population inmates are able to make calls 10-12 hours per day. Denying payments to jails or restricting such payments to levels that do not cover our costs, will reduce the incentive and ability to continue to allow ICS in this manner.

This will not only affect proceedings inside of our jail, but will also have significant impact on our entire department, and public safety. Payments obtained from ICS are used within our department for necessary equipment, vehicles, and training. More specifically, we equip officers with body armor, firearms, and ammunition with proceeds from ICS. Our entire department relies on dependable vehicles and upkeep of the same. The training we provide is not only invaluable to our department, but to the entire county.

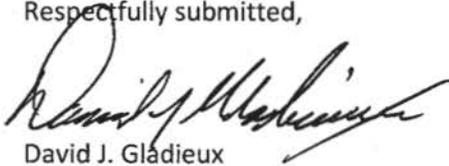
Our budget has been cut in recent years, and we anticipate further cuts this year. If the cost of allowing ICS must compete with all other budget needs, it may not be funded. However, if the cost of allowing ICS has its own source of funding, it is less likely to be impacted by the budget process.

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Accordingly, Sheriffs incur significant costs in allowing ICS in jails, and must be allowed to recover their costs to be able to continue to allow ICS and to encourage the deployment of ICS in jails.

If you have any questions, please do not hesitate to contact me.

Respectfully submitted,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "David J. Gladioux". The signature is written in a cursive style with a large initial "D".

David J. Gladioux  
Sheriff of Allen County

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