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Ms. Magalie Roman Salas
Federal Communications Commission
445 Twelfth St. S.W.
TW-A325
Washington, D.C. 20554

**RE: In the Matter of Reallocation of the 216-220 MHz Government Transfer
Band: ET Docket No. 00-221**

Dear Ms. Salas:

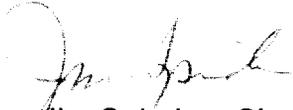
This is in reference to the Commission's invitation for the public comment on the possibility of allowing new, high-power uses of the band 216-220 MHz and the related notion that the band 216-217 MHz be auctioned.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office currently uses law enforcement tracking equipment in this frequency band. We have been very pleased with the results we have achieved with this technology.

In particular, use of this equipment has made a dramatic contribution to the apprehension and conviction of criminals and to the reduction in crime rates. It has proven invaluable in the rapid recovery of stolen money and property.

The Washington County Sheriff's Office urges that the Commission not allow new, high-power users in the band or an auction of the segment 216-217 MHz. We urge the Commission to preserve the band for interference-free law enforcement communications.

Sincerely,


Jim Spinden, Sheriff

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