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September 2, 2011

Mayor Sam Kooiker
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701-5035

Sam,

I want to thank the City of Rapid City for the many years you have allowed the Pennington County Sheriff's Office to use the Friendship House to assist people with their transition back into our community. Without this facility people would not have been able to enjoy the many successes they did in dealing with their addictions and subsequent recovery.

We have now reached the point where we have outgrown the current Friendship House and have moved all of our programs to the Adams Street Facility. We will turn the facility back over to the City by September 15, 2011. For what it is worth, the property is old and tired, so I would recommend the property be torn down and not reused for another purpose. I understand that this decision rests with the City of Rapid and respect whatever decision you make.

Thanks again for the use of the facility it was much appreciated.

Respectfully,

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Kevin Thom
Sheriff

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RAPID CITY POLICE DEPARTMENT

Steve Allender, Chief of Police

September 7, 2011

Mayor Sam Kooiker
City of Rapid City
300 Sixth Street
Rapid City, SD 57701

Dear Mayor Kooiker:

I am aware that the Friendship House property on Silver Street has been abandoned by Sheriff Thom and that the half-way house occupants have moved into the Adams Street Facility.

I am also aware that it is Sheriff Thom's opinion that the building is unfit for future use.

If this is true, and I believe it is, I would like to offer the building as a training aid for the Rapid City/Pennington County Special Response Team (SRT). I know they would like to use the building to practice forced-entries to rooms using various breaching equipment, including explosive breaching equipment. The training would be closely supervised to ensure a safe environment.

Since the training would be destructive, we would coordinate with the planned demolition of the building.

Please let me know if you have any questions.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "Steve Allender".

Steve Allender
Chief of Police