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To: Family Members, Guardians and Significant Others of Residents at St. Louis Psychiatric Rehabilitation Center

As most of us are aware, an announcement is expected in the coming days of the Grand Jury's decision on the shooting of Michael Brown by Officer Darren Wilson in Ferguson, MO. Along with this impending announcement comes the possibility of civil unrest in the St. Louis area and across the country. My staff and I would like to assure you that the physical and psychiatric well-being of your loved one is our highest priority. Therefore, we are taking steps to minimize the impact any events in the community might have on the operations at the facility.

Our building is secure with limited and monitored entrances and exits. We have taken steps to ensure that the clients care will continue uninterrupted regardless of what happens in the region.

Our clinical staff members are also prepared to address any issues that may arise from the events surrounding Ferguson. We will be available to offer therapeutic support to our clients and assist them in managing the emotions and uncertainty that may arise.

Allowing our clients continued access to visitors is another priority. Should our staffing levels be impacted by civil unrest, or in the unlikely event of a threat to our facility, we may be required to amend or temporarily cancel visiting hours. If this occurs, we will make every effort to inform family and friends. If you have a question about visiting hours, please feel free to call your loved one's social worker or the facility's switchboard at 314-877-6500.

Again, please be assured that SLPRC is absolutely committed to providing continued quality care to your loved ones with as little disruption as possible.

Sincerely,

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