# THE PENSACOLA JAIL EXPLOSION SETTLEMENT ATTN: ED GENTLE, CLAIMS ADMINISTRATOR

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#### **MEMORANDUM**

## VIA EMAIL CONFIDENTIAL

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FROM: Edgar C. Gentle, III, Esq.

RE: Pensacola Jail Explosion Settlement -Update; Our File No. 6338-1 {NNNN}

Dear Plaintiffs' Counsel and Robert:

The purpose of this memorandum is to provide you with an update on the payment of claims since our last update of February 1, 2021.

### 1. Claims Payment Timing.

We have a total of <u>520</u> claims. Of those, we have paid <u>32</u>, with <u>488</u> remaining to be paid. All Grave Claimants are paid. We have completed four (4) batches of payments, and we anticipate paying a fifth batch in the coming weeks.

Batches are becoming larger and more frequent, though many of the Claimants may not receive a net payment, as we explained in our February 1, 2021 update, due to a heavy lien load. Our goal is to prepare payment batches bi-weekly, <u>as we resolve liens.</u>

### 2. Legal Fees and Expenses.

As you recall, except for the Grave Claimants, the computation of the amount to be received by each Claimant was net of fees, with a fee percentage of 33.3% being assumed and factored in as each claim is paid. Thus, as each Non-Grave Claimant represented by a lawyer is paid, his or her recovery will be "grossed up" to reflect the legal fee to be paid to the attorney.

Thank you for the pleasure of working with you in this Settlement.

By copy of this Memo to Tom, we are keeping the Defendants informed. We are also posting this update on the Settlement website.

Yours very truly

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