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Sirine Shebaya
American Civil Liberties Union of Maryland
3600 Clipper Mill Rd.
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RE: Immigration detainer requests

Dear Ms. Shebaya,

I write in response to your letter dated September 30, 2014. In that letter, you asked me how the Harford County Sheriff's Office planned to proceed in dealing with immigration detainer requests in light of a recent Attorney General's opinion concerning that issue.

In response to your question, the procedure of the Harford County Detention Center is to not hold an arrestee or inmate beyond his or her release except on probable cause. If a representative of a federal agency requests continued detention of an individual, he or she will be required to provide sufficient probable cause that the individual has committed a criminal violation of federal immigration law or some other crime. If such probable cause is presented, the Detention Center will hold the individual for up to four hours. The short period of continued detention is designed to give the representative sufficient time to present the probable cause to a magistrate in an effort to secure a warrant. If, after four hours, the Detention Center has not received a warrant for the individual, he or she will be released.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in blue ink, appearing to read "L. Jesse Bane".

Sheriff L. Jesse Bane