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Dear Commissioner.

Re: Review Report 23-242-RR

GN file: 1029-20-JUS0624

IPC file: 23-107

This letter is the Department of Justice's statutory response under section 36 of the *Access to Information and Protection of Privacy* (ATIPP) *Act* to the May 11, 2023, Review Report of the Information and Privacy Commissioner ("the Commissioner") regarding the above noted file.

Below are the department's responses to your recommendations:

## Recommendation #1:

I recommend that Justice re-open its search for responsive records, with particular reference to my comments in paragraphs 34 to 43 of this Review Report.

The Department of Justice recognizes the importance of its duty to make every reasonable effort to provide accurate and complete information in response to an access to information request. The department has re-evaluated the initial disclosure on this file, and we agree to the Commissioner's recommendation to re-open the matter to search for and disclose any additional records that are responsive to the request in accordance with the *ATIPP Act*. Going forward, the department will make efforts to confirm the scope of a request where the language is vague, confusing, or unclear.



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## Recommendation # 2:

I recommend that Justice consider developing a policy on surveillance videos in correctional facilities, which will cover (among other things) the matters discussed in paragraph 33 of this Review Report.

The Department of Justice agrees with the Commissioner's recommendation and commits to consider the development of policies regarding surveillance videos in all Nunavut correctional facilities, including directions on the preservation, storage, and disposal of video footage that may be kept as evidence.

## Recommendation # 3:

I recommend that Justice consider updating the Records Retention and Disposition Authority for Nunavut's correctional facilities, RDA 2005-10, to cover surveillance videos.

The Department of Justice agrees to the Commissioner's recommendation to consider potential updates to the Records Retention and Disposition Authority for Nunavut's correctional facilities (RDA 2005-10) to cover surveillance videos.

Sincerely,

Hon. David Akeeagok,

Minister of Justice

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Stephen Mansell, Deputy Minister of Justice