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SUBJECT: Close Memorandum Regarding Eloy Detention Center
Complaint Nos.: 12-01-ICE-0015, 12-01-ICE-0245,
13-02-ICE-0054, 13-04-ICE-0092, 13-05-ICE-0108

Introduction: This memorandum provides a summary of investigation, a description of the findings, and reasons for closing the above-referenced complaints.

Background: On June 10-12, 2013, the Office for Civil Rights and Civil Liberties (CRCL) conducted an investigation into two deaths and two suicides of individuals in the custody of U.S. Immigration and Customs Enforcement (ICE), at the Eloy Detention Center (EDC) located in Eloy, Arizona. CRCL's review of EDC focused in large part on medical care, mental health care, and suicide prevention and intervention, as well as other conditions of detention issues raised in the complaints.

As a result of CRCL's onsite investigation, document reviews, interviews, and onsite observances, CRCL issued 25 recommendations in the areas of medical care, mental health care, suicide prevention and intervention, and conditions of detention. On September 9, 2015, ICE responded to CRCL's recommendations, concurring or partially concurring with 23 out of 25, and non-concurring with two.

Because CRCL recently returned to EDC to conduct another onsite investigation, the investigation team also looked into the issues raised in the earlier recommendations to determine if any of those issues remained of concern. Because a new report with recommendations will be generated as a result of that recent onsite, CRCL is closing the 2013 complaints.

It is CRCL's statutory role to advise Department leadership and personnel about civil rights and civil liberties issues, ensuring respect for civil rights and civil liberties in policy decisions and implementation of those decisions. As a result, we appreciate the work that has been done and will be done by ICE to address CRCL's concerns. Accordingly, CRCL is formally closing the complaints identified in this memorandum. This memorandum is our final report regarding these complaints. If you have any questions, please contact the Director of the Compliance Branch, Dana Salvano-Dunn, at (b) (6) or (b) (6)

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