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TO: Each Supervisor
FROM:  Donald H. Blevins
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SUBJECT: BARRY J. NIDORF JUVENILE HALL DISTURBANCE

This is to advise your Board of a disturbance that occurred at Barry J. Nidorf Juvenile Hall (BJNJH) in Unit X2 of the Unfit Compound on Sunday, January 9, 2011, at approximately 6:15 PM which involved seven (7) minors. The incident appears to have been racially motivated between the Latino and African-American minors.

The incident occurred as the minors completed dinner and were being sent to their rooms for clean-up. In order to control the situation, staff utilized physical restraint and deployment of Oleoresin Capsicum (OC spray) onto the combatants. All minors that were contacted by the deployment of OC spray were decontaminated and placed in the Compound Special Handling Unit (SHU). There were no major injuries to staff and only minor scratches and abrasions to minors.

Further investigation is pending and I will apprise the Board of any new information as it becomes available.

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c: William T Fujioka, Chief Executive Officer
Honorable Michael Nash, Presiding Judge of the Juvenile Court
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