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TO:

THE LAW AND JUDICIAL COMMITTEE

FROM:

MARK C. CURRAN, JR.

RE:

CORONER'S INVESTIGATION REPORT FOR FEBRUARY, 2011

Coroner's Monthly Report of Investigations conducted for the month of February, 2011:

| Return to Doctor Cases: (1) | 334 |
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| Coroner's Cases: (2), (3) | 36 |
| Total Death Investigations: | 370 |

Total death investigations for February, 2011:

370

Total death investigations for February, 2010:

299

(1) Return to Medical Professional Cases:

Minimal Investigation is needed; primarily consisting of review of medical history, medical records, and discussion with health care providers involved in the case.

(2) <u>Inquiry Cases</u>:

More extensive investigation is required to determine whether death is from natural or "unnatural" causes; and excluding causes or manner of death mandating Coroner's Inquest.

(3) <u>Inquest Cases</u>

Thorough investigation as to the cause of death, with subsequent Case Conference to determine the manner of death (i.e., homicide, suicide, accidental, or undetermined). Inquest cases are mandated by Illinois Statute by type of death.

Mark C. Curran, Jr. Interim Coroner

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