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Honorable Pamela Dembe  
President Judge of the Court of Common Pleas  
City of Philadelphia  
Room 386 City Hall  
Philadelphia Pa 19107

**Re: Real Estate Duties – Office of the Sheriff**

Dear President Judge Dembe,

I am writing to you regarding the Sheriffs Office. News reports and rumors continue to abound pertaining to the possibility of the First Judicial District's purported intention to assume duties regarding "real estate" matters that are currently being performed by Deputy Sheriffs.

As you are probably aware, Fraternal Order of Police Lodge # 5 represents sworn members of the Philadelphia Sheriffs Office. The terms and conditions of employment for Philadelphia Sheriff Deputies are governed by the Collective Bargaining Agreement entered into between the Fraternal Order of Police and the City of Philadelphia. Accordingly, the work performed by sworn Deputy Sheriffs regarding real estate matters is the bargaining unit work of FOP Lodge #5 members.

As of this date, the City has not made an effort to negotiate or enter into talks with the FOP regarding the potential transfer of this bargaining unit work.

At the very least, we would hope that FOP Lodge # 5 would be a party to any discussions regarding the potential transfer of the very valuable work performed by our Deputy Sheriffs.

Please feel free to contact me at any time at 215 629 3612.

John J. McNesby, President  
Philadelphia, Lodge #5  
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