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February 5, 1985

Senator Frank Ferguson
Representative John Binkley
Alaska State Legislature
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Dear Senator Ferguson and Representative Binkley:

On page 54 of the Alaska Court System's budget request summary it is reported that domestic violence petitions have increased nearly 300% each year for four years. This is an erroneous statement. I have enclosed a memorandum to me from General Counsel Karla Forsythe outlining the actual increases in domestic violence petitions. I apologize for this error in the court system's budget.

Please note that this does not change any portion of the budget request for the upcoming fiscal year.

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read "Arthur".

Arthur H. Snowden, II
Administrative Director

AHS,II:smh

cc: Representative Don Clocksin
Representative Mike Miller

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February 5, 1985

To: Arthur H. Snowden, II
Administrative Director

From: Karla L. Forsythe *KLF*
General Counsel

Subject: Budget Request - domestic violence project in Anchorage

As we have discussed, there is an error in the narrative portion of the court system's budget request for a domestic violence project in Anchorage. The narrative states that each year for the past four years the number of petitions filed in domestic violence cases in Anchorage has increased by 300%.

I have attached a summary of statistics from the state troopers indicating the number of orders served in Anchorage, as well as figures from Area Court Administrator Al Szal indicating calendar year increases, and figures from court system annual reports indicating filing increases by fiscal year. In each category, the numbers of cases have increased substantially from year to year.

KLF:smh

Attachment

Margaret Simmons: percentage increases in numbers of orders served

FY 82 - 200% over FY 81 (partial year)

FY 83 - 60% over FY 82

FY 84 - 28.3% over FY 83

Al Szal: calendar year figures for number of petitions filed

1980 (partial year) - 45

1981 - 396 (+780% over 1980, which was a partial year)

1982 - 689 (+74% over 1981)

1983 - 936 (+35.8% over 1982)

1984 to April - 333

Total of 2400 petitions since legislation implemented

Case filings listed in annual report

FY 81: no category for domestic violence

FY 82: 539

FY 83: 914 (+70%)

FY 84: 1086 (+19%)