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via email and U.S. Mail

District Attorney General Coty Wamp
600 Market Street
Suite 310
Chattanooga, TN 37408

RE: Investigation into Arrest, Detention, and Hospitalization of Christopher Ayala

General Wamp:

I represent the family of Christopher Ayala. On April 27, 2024, Christopher Ayala was arrested by HCSO Deputy Cody Widdows #3226 for Improper Use of the 911 system. Less than 24 hours after his arrest, while in custody at the Hamilton County Jail and Detention Center, Ayala was transported to Erlanger Hospital. The Ayala family has never been told what happened to Christopher while in HCSO custody. His doctors have informed the family that he is brain dead and does not have long to live.

While he was only arrested on April 27, 2024, Christopher's case appeared in Hamilton County General Sessions Court on April 29, 2024, under Case No: 1945085. The case was then dismissed by your office.

The Ayala family was never informed why Christopher's case suddenly appeared on the docket or why it was abruptly dismissed.

On behalf of the family, we would like to be informed why his case was handled in such an odd procedural fashion.

More importantly, we ask that an independent law enforcement agency, other than HCSO, be tasked by you to investigate the arrest, detention, and hospitalization of Christopher Ayala. I look forward to your timely response to my correspondence.

Sincerely,



Neal Pinkston