LENOIR CITY MUNICIPAL COURT

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CLERK

January 19, 2015

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100 River Road
Loudon, Tennessee 37774

Dear Mayor and Commissioners:

I am writing with regard to a letter recently sent to you by an employee of the City of Lenoir City concerning Judge Rex Dale and the Loudon County General Sessions Court.

First, let me assure you that the letter was not sent with my knowledge or consent and does not express my opinions nor those of the Lenoir City court system. As citizens, we each enjoy the right of independent thought and free speech. I respect those rights but disagree with the tenor of the letter. I believe the letter was improper, and, for that, I apologize to you and Judge Dale.

For purposes of clarification, Lenoir City Municipal Court does have concurrent jurisdiction with General Sessions Court only to try State misdemeanor violations occurring within the municipal boundaries. The Court can't conduct preliminary hearings in felony cases and has no domestic relations, probate or juvenile jurisdiction. Those cases can only be heard in Loudon County General Sessions Court.

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I hold Judge Dale in very high regard. Having known and worked with him for many years, I have the utmost respect for his personal and professional integrity.

Sincerely,

Terry G. Vann

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Jim Wilburn

Via Email