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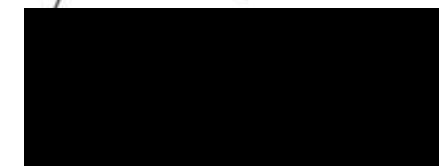
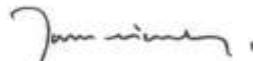
Dear Coroner,

REGULATION 28 REPORT TO PREVENT FUTURE DEATHS – SAMUEL JONES

Thank you for your Regulation 28 Report to Prevent Future Deaths following the inquest into the death of Samuel Jones, who died on 30 April 2021 at HMP Portland.

I have read your report with care as a death in custody is a tragic event for families and friends, as well as other prisoners and staff, and learning lessons to improve the safety of those in prison custody is essential. I understand that you will share this letter with Mr Jones' family and I would like to offer them my sincere condolences for their loss.

The concerns you have raised within your report are operational issues and it is therefore appropriate for [REDACTED], DG Operations, HM Prison and Probation Service (HMPPS), to respond to them. I have seen the response from [REDACTED] and I endorse the content of it, which sets out the action being taken by HMPPS to address your concerns.



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